



SUPER DECEIVER ON THE WORLD HORIZON

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The Amazing Disclosure
of the Most Mysterious
Man of Destiny in the
World TODAY . . .

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Introduction

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T IS SAID that one miracle is equal to a thousand sermons and that people judge their Gods by the miracles they perform. "Give us a sign by which we can recognize our God," people cry, and then look for some sort of supernatural phenomenon that seems to defy Natural Law as that sign.

An acorn growing into an oak tree and giving forth more acorns, that grow into more oak trees, a Universe of orderly suns and planets, the wonders of Man and the glories of Life are forgotten by people who want their Gods to walk on water, bring fire down from Heaven, change water into wine, cause piles of wood to suddenly burst into flames, raise the dead, predict the future and materialize the spirits.

People want miracles and they want their Gods to identify themselves with the kind of miracles they want to see. They forget that a miracle may be used for good or it may be used for evil, and that the same fire that will heat a home will also burn it down. A constructive thing in one case might be used for destruction in another. And what may seem to be a miracle may not be a miracle at all, but just the use of Natural Law with which people are unacquainted. A radio in Puritan days would have seemed like a miracle, and just imagine yourself driving up to King Tut's door in a modern automobile, or landing in ancient Bagdad in an aeroplane! The seeming miracles of yesterday become the science of today, serving Mankind for good or for evil, as man chooses.

My experience as a Magician and Teacher and Counsellor of Magicians the world over, has shown me that there are miracles and false miracles, and that the power of illusion may make a lie look more like Truth than Truth itself. Dictators know that they can sell people on an impossible lie easier than on an impossible Truth. They paint glowing pictures that fade away, and make amazing promises they know will never be kept. But they keep on with their falsehoods, feeling that lies

told often enough will finally be accepted as Truth by the hearers.

The Pagan Priests, knowing of Man's craving for miracles, used phenomena to sell their wares and to coax dollars into their coffers. The bigger the show of apparent miracles they could stage, the easier they could sell their false Gods as real ones. When fires were built on the altars, doors mysteriously opened, idols talked, temples rocked, seeming spirits of the dead appeared in the smoke, and strange things happened—the people were satisfied. Gods ruled with the dramatic, with seething flames of fire, and great idols belched forth smoke, accompanied by weird groans, chants and music to enslave the people with fear, if they did not bow down and worship them. Scientific investigators, years later, uncovered the various mechanical and chemical contraptions used to produce these seeming miracles.

But we still have the unsolved problems of wealth and poverty, plus national and international troubles, with people still looking for a leader who can perform miracles. Therein lies a great danger, for in a world torn with war, destruction and exhaustion, people will look for a superman, instead of the Kingdom of God (Luke 17:21). It is at just such a stage as this that an Anti-Christ would like to bring such astounding miracles and magic that people will fall down and worship him. Then, like the enchantment of the Pied Piper, he would finally wreak his havoc on the deluded masses.

In a world of sickness, sorrow, death, war and destruction, people unwisely sought surcease through the expediency of wizards and their incantations to appease the unknown Gods who seemingly ruled with such violence and terror. And so have arisen Pagan Priests (ancient and modern) of hexerei and voodoism, witch doctors, fee-fi-fumers, grotesque chiefs of jungle ju-ju, crystal gazing politicians, dictators, and a large assortment of false prophets and devil appeasers—all ready to solve the problems of the world for so much money or power. Not only individuals, but tribes and nations, fell under the powers of these seeming miracle workers.

Few people know the power of the modern-day magician in trying to prevent just such a condition to arise. It may seem paradoxical, but the modern-day magician has been one of man's best friends in trying to keep him freed from "an enslavement of illusion", the seeming

miracles in the hands of the charlatans and the unscrupulous. Houdini fought to clean a world of money grabbing charlatans who posed as Spiritualists and in the darkness of a seance room sold luminous pieces of cheese cloth floating in the air as spirits of the departed loved ones, and who used tricks of the magicians as phenomena from the spirit world.

The Society of American Magicians, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, as well as Magical Societies in Europe and Asia, have stood as bulwarks against charlatanism and false representation. They think that magic should be sold as magic, and illusion as illusion.

The Magician uses illusion, but he uses it for entertainment. He combines it with humor and interesting, seemingly impossible situations and brings forth one of the finest types of amusement. What boy hasn't said sometime in his life: "I want to be a magician."? But as Elbert Hubbard said: "No matter what happens at a magic show, when you get home you still have your watch and your pocket book." And the magician wants his mysteries to remain as innocent entertainment, and not to be used by the unscrupulous to enslave mankind.

Dr. Hollenbeck, himself, is a magician at heart, and has striven to separate illusion from Truth. He is interested in world affairs, not only in the show on the stage, but in knowing who is pulling the strings backstage. Besides having an excellent scholastic background for his research work, he is a world-traveler, an Archaeologist and a recognized authority in the Translation of Ancient Manuscripts, especially so those of the Bible. He has been a Scientific investigator of the mysteries of the mind and its attendant phenomena as practiced in India, Tibet, Afghanistan and Haiti.

In 1938 Dr. Hollenbeck addressed the International Convention of Archaeologists and Scientists at Luzerne, Switzerland. Following his appearance there, came requests for lectures in twenty-two of the most important cities in the British Isles and on the Continent.

Today, Dr. Hollenbeck is helping man to prepare for a "New Age" — a "Golden Age" where the individual does not look for his miracles on the outside, but will look within to find the Truth that will set him free, and in the words of Jesus: "He that drinketh of this water, that I shall give, shall never thirst." (John 4:14) . The Mystery ceases to be.

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on the WORLD HORIZON

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CHAPTER ONE

Present World Trends

There has been for several years in every nation throughout the world, a constant and ever-deepening disquietude, as well as an ever-increasing anxiety about the future and what it holds for this much-troubled and perplexed world.

The uneasiness of today which has weighed so heavily upon the minds of the few has become well-nigh general, if not universal, and many are able to read with a clearer understanding what the "Signs of the Times" portend. The consciousness that we are passing through a very grave crisis of civilization is now permeating every strata of society in every land under the sun.

Humanity, in its waking hours, sees the grim spectacle of a long black night descending upon the world, of one nation after another passing under the yoke of the new slavery, and the vast majority of the human race threatened with reduction to serfdom and that of mere coolies.

Already all of Europe is engulfed, and the shadows are lengthening farther and farther out to the ends of the earth. Practically every nation in the Old World today lives under an ironclad despotism that has eclipsed the terrors of the "Dark Ages." It is obvious Liberty has all but vanished and Justice has, apparently, fled, — as far as it concerns the despots of Europe and the Orient. It seems only the "Law of the Jungle" prevails and the "survival of the fittest" — which means that in the end the "strongest takes the prey."

STORM SIGNALS

For a number of years, the pulpit and the press alike have been sending up "danger signals" that all is not well with the Old World, and that they could foresee an approaching storm of such magnitude that it will more than likely engulf all humanity in its wake.

These faithful Watchmen and Guardians of the sacred and more serious things of life have tried in every way possible to awaken and arouse the consciousness of the people to the full reality of these things and what these "true signs of the times" indicated. However, their efforts to forewarn the people have met with a cold indifference. This is just what happened in the days of old Noah, when the people most likely accused him of being an alarmist, which is what such prophets are called today. The consciousness of the times has been: "It can't happen here", and that is as far as the people are interested.

Some time ago the Atlanta Constitution, a widely-read paper of the South, sounded a most timely warning in the following striking passage, taken from its editorial columns:

"Never before in all the history of civilized man has the world faced a future so dark and ominous. These are days that try men's souls. It has devolved upon our generation to bear the heaviest burdens that have yet descended upon the spirit of Humanity."

RELIGIOUS TRENDS

There are few things in our modern history that are more disconcerting than the silent attitude and the utter indifference which the Christian world has assumed toward those very principles which gave it it's life and name.

Present-day Modernism has assumed the title role of "Supreme Interpreter of the Scriptures", so as to conform to the "Trend of the Times" rather than to adhere strictly to the teachings of its founder, Christ Jesus. Instead of the Church's moving forward with the "Spirit of Faith", it has been retreating in the very face of Paganism and all that Paganism represents. Apparently their idea has been the age-old aphorism, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God, the things that are God's."

Factually, this could mean nothing except that the forces of Paganism had gained the ascendency, and there was but a

small place left in the Church for Almighty God; and the Gospel of Freedom, as taught by Christ Jesus, has been eviscerated of every quality of vital importance to humanity.

Hence, the forces of evil became rampant in the world. And because we gave only lip service to our Faith, as well as to our Democracy, we are challenged and threatened by an implacable foe that seeks to annihilate both from the earth.

THE "NEW ORDER"

Today we see grim evidence that the structure of Society, so-called, is beginning to show signs of crumbling, and the supposed firm foundations of Truth, Justice and Reason, which we at one time thought were so secure and enduring, are also showing every indication of disintegration.

Due to the changing times, and the seriousness of the present crisis, and because it could not meet the heavy demands placed upon it, the present Social System has failed to function. It is also an acknowledged fact, well known to economists, that the Great Business Systems, in which man has for so long prided himself, are literally dying, for they no longer serve humanity as instruments of Justice and Equality. Therefore, no one can doubt for a moment that such a condition is but the harbinger of pending world changes which, in the main, may be so staggering as to shake the very foundations of the present civilization.

With the passing of the so-called "Old Order" it is to be assumed that those who have so loudly proclaimed its demise must have in mind another one to take its place. This, it is evident, they choose to call the "New Order" — though its true nature is still a matter of considerable speculation, as far as the leaders are concerned.

However, one thing is most certain, and that is, the "Trend of the Times" is very definitely in the direction of a "New Order." This, of course, is but the natural manifestation that would automatically result from the tremendous forces of an awakened consciousness in the people the world over, regardless of race, color or creed. Therefore, it is but a natural sequence that there would be a general turning to the "New" and an utter abandon of the "Old."

THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

There can be no question but that the greater portion of humanity is conscious of the fact that the World of Yesterday has gone forever and with it the so-called "Old Order"; and whatever may be the plans for the World of Tomorrow one thing is most certain; a great over-turning will be necessary if civilization is to survive the transition period between the passing of one and the birth of another. This over-turning process, however, may necessitate a change so revolutionary in scope as to alter completely life as it is lived today.

It must also be recognized that such a task does not only involve the establishing of Peace and the solving of the countless problems resulting from a long and bitter conflict, but there are the Economic, Religious, Social and Racial questions to be considered. These, in themselves, constitute a problem of such a magnitude that man has never been able to solve it. And if it ever is solved, it will be the master work of a Super Mind.

LEADERS GREATLY CONCERNED

Statesmen and leaders the world over sense the gravity of present world conditions and are frank to admit the present situation augurs a return to the "Dark Ages" — a crisis of such proportions as to be unparalleled in the history of Man. Not only do the present leaders acknowledge the gravity of the situation, but they also concede the fact that they themselves are desperately perplexed, bewildered and baffled. They are agreed if this condition is prolonged, the more confusing and serious it will become, until only a miracle will save the world from utter ruin.

If such a condition faces humanity, where even the leaders themselves admit they are baffled and seemingly unable to find or provide the remedy which will lead the world out of the awful plight into which it has fallen, then the natural question which comes to the minds of people everywhere is: "Who then is able and who is there with both the power and the understanding to untangle the skeins of confusion and bring Peace to a stricken world?" The answer to this serious question: It is evident, that no one but a Superman could do this.

THE CONFLICT CONTINUES

In the meantime, despite the frenzied efforts on the part of statesmen and leaders to stop it, the "Conflict of the Ages" continues in the mightiest struggle for power the world has ever witnessed. Is it any surprise, then, that these leaders are confused and wonder what the end will be and when this unparalleled carnage of human lives will stop? It would seem as though the very "Legions of Darkness" had been turned loose in this old world, with no one seemingly able to stop them.

SLOGANS OF DESTRUCTION

One of the strange and unaccountable mysteries of the present conflict is the subtle way in which the "Forces of Darkness" have been able to penetrate the consciousness of the opposing nations of both sides — the Totalitarian nations as well as the Democracies — in the use of the same War slogans in their conduct of this World struggle. This is something that shatters all precedent in the history of nations at war.

All great wars in the past have employed powerful "slogans" as a means of positive suggestion toward winning. For example, in the First World War, the Allies used most successfully the slogan: "Make the world safe for Democracy." This expression carried with it a tremendous force which was all the more powerful because of the implied suggestion of safety for the Allied cause — and naturally for the entire world as well. As we all know, this proved to be a mighty weapon of such a power that it brought eventual victory for the Allies and the complete collapse of the German war machine.

ALL OUT WAR

In this present conflict the slogans are "All Out War" and "Total War." In themselves, they are expressions that can mean nothing else but "All Out Death" and "All Out Destruction" — like the "Scorched Earth" idea that is now being used by many of the nations at war. This conveys the idea of leaving nothing for the enemy. But in the case where the enemy might become the loser again, then it would be self-evident that there would be nothing for the victor. In the end this policy would leave them both "out on a limb."

It is plain to be seen such slogans do not suggest the idea of either Safety or Victory, but that more emphasis is placed in the slogans which suggest Total War and the attendant consequences. However, the singular thing about this is the fact that both sides of this conflict have adopted the use of the same slogans. The question is, will the final result be the same for both sides? This is a question into which the Democracies could well afford to look. There is the unquestionable Power of Thought that must be reckoned with, regardless.

THE STALEMATE PERIL

It is very possible that such a state of consciousness as "Total War" or its equivalent of "Total Destruction" may bring about a most undesirable situation for both sides. This would be a gigantic stalemate of such proportions as to make it a most difficult problem to cope with; thus creating a condition so grave as to leave the leaders and those in high authority in a state of utter despair.

Such a debacle would instantly bring about a state of world-wide confusion and chaos unparalleled in the history of man. It would end most likely in the leaders and the masses alike turning, as a last hope, to a "Superman." He, of course, would be none other than the "Man of Sin" himself, the long-heralded "Anti-Christ" or the "Great Deceiver" who would come forth at the "End of the Age" — as set forth in the prophecies of the Bible.

THE CLIMAX IN 1944

National and International leaders are agreed that in all probability the real crux of this conflict will come sometime during the year 1944. This does not necessarily mean the setting forth of a specific time or date that such a crux will be reached — for this is largely beyond the power of man to know.

However, it is within the power of man to make certain surveys of existing conditions; then from such information obtained, be able to ascertain approximately how long it would take to reach any certain climax — such as they have concluded as likely to happen in 1944. The most candid opinion of these various World leaders is, if civilization is to survive these awful times, the climax must be reached on or before that time.

Despite the whole-hearted efforts and the self-sacrificing spirit of the great military minds and strategists of the United Nations to bring this devastating conflict to a decisive and victorious end (so that civilization might live in peace from a world-wide despotism) the theatres of war are strangely expanding to even greater areas, both of sea as well as of land; thus augmenting the already heavy burdens they have been shouldering all this time.

In addition to the difficulties just mentioned, another phase of this conflict is developing. It is beginning to show every evidence of the action of a pendulum in its forward and backward, backward and forward motion. Such an action, in itself, is indicative of but one thing and that is, the "tides of battle"

will follow this same course of the pendulum. If it continues it would prove to be a most difficult problem to handle.

There can be little doubt that if such a thing does develop—as it seems likely to do—and when the crux has been reached the warring nations, irrespective of side, will have in the interim so depleted and exhausted their stocks of war material as to make it impossible to continue on to a victorious conclusion, it will bring about a gigantic stalemate, as I have previously stated.

It can be plainly seen that such a situation would be a most unfortunate one, especially so for the "United Nations" that are fighting so valiantly. If all nations were to find themselves in such a deadlock and debacle as this, it might pave the way for the great mass of humanity turning to some new leader, a Super Mind, as the only way out of such an impossible situation.

It can be said with all seriousness that if we are as near to the crux of these things as the year of 1944 and the possibility of these things coming to pass, then there can be no question in the minds of thinking people but that such a One as the coming Superman must be living today and known — at least in some way, even though not generally known by all humanity. This is the consensus of most students of the Holy Scriptures.

CHAPTER TWO

Miracles and Magic

People love a miracle, and will go miles to see something that bears the mark of the unusual, something that they themselves are unable to figure out, or find a real reason for. The fact is, anything that savors of the supernatural, of mystery or magic, never fails to interest both young and old, and will always attract the multitudes.

The love of magic always has been a strange and almost unexplainable, inherent quality in Man's nature. For some unknown reason, Man loves to be fooled, whether he admits it or not. In the "Garden of Eden" old Adam fell for this something called magic or mystery and was completely baffled by the subtle powers of the "Talking Serpent." Moses, likewise, was baffled by the mystery of the rod turning to a serpent, and he was again confounded by the mystery of the burning bush when it failed to be consumed by the flames, as would have been the case under any other circumstances. Many other instances could be given if time and space would permit.

Throughout the ages, magic has been recognized as one of the Arts. It dates back to the time of the Pharaohs in the land of Egypt, which was thousands of years before Christ Jesus. The noted Greek writer, Psellus, affirms that it is "a thing of very powerful nature." Magic, he tells us, "investigates the nature, power, and quality of everything sublimary; viz., of the elements, and parts of anything of a tangible nature. In other words, magic explores the essence and power of everything; hence, it produces its own effects."

Mr. Edwin Felstead, in an article which appeared in the magazine called Light, in the edition of August 17, 1934, enumerated some of the magical powers of the Egyptians and their initiates as follows:

- 1. Television without machinery performed by gazing into a darkened pool of water when an actual objective picture was perceived, not only by the magician, but by others present.
- 2. The ability to disappear even when in a locked room with a company of people present. It may be noted that Jesus Christ our Lord did this, when threatened with danger.
- 3. The power of controlling the evil intents of one's enemies, even at distances; known as er-tuf-khabeb. This power was originally employed only for purposes of self-defense, or to check the progress of fugitive criminals. This was practiced in the early centuries before the advent of Christ Jesus and continued for centuries afterward and is to some extent practiced even today among certain types of people who live in India, Tibet. Egypt and the Isle of Haiti.

One of the strangest instances of unusual power is told by Dr. Alexander Cannon, noted British Scientist, in one of his important documents which is official in every way. I shall quote as follows:

"In 1918 a certain Arab living in the district of Ain Sefra was causing considerable uneasiness to the authorities by his uncanny doings. The French do not encourage magicians in their African Colonies. The District Commissioner (Chief d'Annexe) decided to put this Arab to the test.

"In company of two administrative officers, three members of the military general staff, and four priests belonging to the White Fathers, the District Commissioner rode to the Magician's gitoun, or tent, on the banks of the Oued Dzira, accompanied by an escort of eight Legionnaires from the Compagnie Montee. Upon arrival at the wizard's abode, the usual greetings and civilities were exchanged, after which Captain Labriffe explained the object of the visit. The Magician—a young man in the early twenties—just laughed and did not seem to mind.

"The White Fathers insisted that he should be told to do the utterly impossible. At that time of the year the snow of the Djebel Aissa was thawing and the Oued Dzira was a veritable torrent. Captain Labriffe thereupon ordered the Magician to make the river stop flowing, light a fire in the middle of the bed, and cook a meal for his guests!

"'Is that all?' queried the Arab in surprise. 'I was afraid you would want something difficult!'

"So saying, he picked up a pebble and mumbled some sort of prayer over it. Then he flung the stone into the center of the river. As it landed, the water began to form a wall of churning foam. The river stopped flowing! The Arab climbed down the bank into the river bed, lit a fire, and cooked a meal of couscous and partridge, seeming to take the fuel and the food from the air.

"In order to convince themselves of the reality of what they had seen, the amazed officers and others forming their escort forced themselves to eat the meal provided. The good Fathers were too busy on their knees to care about eating. When the meal was over, at a word from the Magician, the wall of water fell and the river continued on its normal course.

"'That was very simple,' remarked the young Arab quietly. 'You ought to see what one of our real Magicians can do. I'm

hardly more than a conjurer'."

WHITE AND BLACK

Magic, in itself, is divided into two distinct divisions. One is called "Prestidigitation" or that fine art that is practiced by magicians on the legitimate stage as a form of entertainment for young and old, and is recognized today as a science in the Universities of the world.

Black magic is something that is not used for entertainment, but is that form of magic which is used for destructive purposes. And this form of magic is as old as Lucifer himself—for he is the Supreme One of all the magicians of Darkness.

Black magic, which is the worst form of the manifestations of evil, can best be described by the following statements: (somewhat scientifically given in order that it may be under-

stood from the standpoint of the layman as well as the devotee of religious instruction—as set forth in the Scriptures).

Every single thing in the world, regardless of what it is, has an opposite. In this same manner, every good has its opposing evil, as well as every positive has its opposing negative. Therefore, every good power may be turned into channels of evil.

In this same way the Mind of Man works. The tremendous force and power of good which the thoughts of Man can influence have a most sinister and opposing power of evil, and it is this form of evil power that is known in the Near East Countries, as well as India, Tibet, Afghanistan, Egypt and the Island of Haiti, as "Black Magic." Black Magic typifies the destructive use of Mental Powers, and reveals the unseen powers and the black forces that are now manifesting in and through the Dictators of Europe and Asia to drench the world in rivers of blood. Therefore, Black Magic is a deadly blight, an unspeakable curse of unbelievable power that is rampant everywhere. Men and women are stricken by the infamous power of the curse that is placed upon them by those who practice it, and because of it, whole nations have been known to come under its spell of doom.

There are Black Magicians in the world today who are deliberately carrying on their nefarious work of suffering, death and destruction with what appears to be complete abandon, regardless of nation or people.

HOW THE MAGICIAN WORKS

One of the real mysteries of an artful and clever magician is that he never hypnotizes the audience, as most people have believed. And, strange as it may seem, this applies to the Fakirs of India, as well as to the mystics and magicians of Tibet, Egypt and other countries.

Though the clever magician never hypnotizes his audience, he accomplishes much the same thing by other means. By skillfully mis-directing their minds so that they fail to see what is in front of their very eyes, or the reverse, by believing that they see something that has no real existence, the magi-

cians create what is known as illusion. For example, the Fakirs of India who create the illusion of an elephant climbing a rope, when in reality it is only a flea.

As the clever magician creates an illusion in order to misdirect the minds of his audience so that they will fail to see the real thing before their very eyes, so are the Dictators using the same methods of illusion in conducting their side of this present conflict.

ADOLF HITLER, THE WIZARD OF ILLUSION

One of the most skilled at this form of magic, "the science of illusion," is the former Austrian paper hanger, Adolph Hitler, now the Fuehrer of Germany. It is no secret to the people of Europe that he has long been a most ardent devotee of the weirdest forms of mysticism, and is recognized as the greatest adept of illusion in all of Continental Europe today.

Though many accept the belief that he has a "crack-pot" brain they yet are unable to explain the source of the uncanny power which has enabled him to plunge the entire world into such a maelstrom of terror as he has. In view of such a record as this, there can be no question but that the real source of his power is from the "Infernal Regions of Darkness", and he is in league with "A still greater Mind" that, for the time, remains behind the scenes.

BAFFLING RESULTS

Through the art of illusion, which is none other than the psychology of the "Diversion of Attention", Hitler has been able to deceive entire nations by one of the most effective weapons of warfare—that of creating among the people of these various nations an over-confidence in their military and war machine.

This was most effectively carried out by experts highly trained in the "art of deception" who were sent to these various countries to create in the people a consciousness of their own superiority, that they were absolutely impregnable and could withstand the attacks of any outside foe.

This worked like a charm and these workers of illusion and deception did the seeming impossible, for shortly all of France began to boast of her Maginot Line and the invulnerability of her forts. Holland, likewise, began to prate in loud and boastful language about her dikes and how she could keep out any foe, regardless, by the simple process of opening these dikes

and flooding the countryside, thus stopping the foe.

Over-confidence always proves disastrous. Like poor France, Holland also began to relax and sort of let down on her alertness. By so doing she fell into the same trap—believing that her dikes, like the Maginot Line of France, would keep back the foe. But this was the very thing that brought about their capitulation to the enemy, the Axis.

This was the very thing that Adolph Hitler wanted, for while causing their attention to be focused on their dikes and Maginot Lines, he cunningly diverted their attention from the real issue—their own complete protection on all fronts. And while they boasted of their dikes and Maginot Lines, Hitler's armies swept into their countries by another route, took them by surprise, and in a few days had conquered them.

This proves conclusively the cleverness of Hitler's use of the science of Illusion.

MASSES LOOK TO LEADERS

In these days of world-wide distress, turmoil and trouble, there is an ever-growing tendency among the people to follow any Leader who will offer to champion their cause and bring about some kind of Miracle which will bring them surcease from the multiplicity of ills that have befallen them.

In every case these would-be Miracle workers know that promises are more easily made than kept. But this is no detriment to them. Neither does it bother or disturb their conscience, for in most cases their conscience departed long ago, and no longer gives them trouble. They have but one desire and that is far from humanitarian, for what they seek is Power. And as soon as this has been obtained from the people (whose confidence they won by deception) they automatically proceed to enslave the very people to whom they had previously promised freedom. No wonder the Master spoke of people as "sheep."

The former Austrian Corporal and organizer of the "National Socialist German Labor Party", known as the "Nazi Movement", promised the German people if they would give him the power by their vote to become the Fuehrer of all Germany, he in turn, would bring about their freedom from every semblance of "want" and remove the stigma of the Treaty of Versailles.

Because of these promises he gained their confidence. Like sheep, they followed such a leader who promised all this, and, in turn, gave him their vote—which, eventually, placed him in greater power than old Kaiser Wilhelm ever possessed.

Promises are seldom kept. And so it was with the German people who awakened to the awful disillusionment that the freedom which had been promised them was but a myth, and now they were enslaved more than ever before.

Benito Mussolini, Italian Dictator and organizer of the Fascist movement, is not at all bashful and doesn't hesitate to say so. The following statement, which are his own words, will shed some light as to the veracity of the above statement:

"All for the State, none outside the State, the Head becomes the State — I am the State." (Almost Lucifer himself!—Such is the biography Mussolini writes of himself). But he further states: "I would make a league with the Devil, if by so doing I could help Italy."

Do not the above boasts portray most vividly the real personality of Il Duce, the Fascist Dictator of Italy? Surely it must be recognized that the Italian people have not found any "Utopia" under such a ruler as this, and it is very possible that, as they suffer in more or less of a silence, they have long ago seen their mistake and wish that it might be corrected.

Surely the poor benighted people of Malaya and Java cannot expect any different treatment from Emperor Hirohito of Japan, who will, in all probability, enforce a greater enslavement upon them, especially so when we know the record of what was done to the Chinese under his control.

In view of these reports concerning the Dictators previously named and what their tactics have been, do you think for one moment that the coming "Anti-Christ" is going to take a back seat and play "second fiddle" to his friends, even though they are in the same business and by no means novices at the trade?

There can be no question but that this man will be the Greatest Miracle Worker of the ages, and will possess a power that will make Hitler and Mussolini appear like Saints. He will resort to things that will put Hirohito to shame in comparison to his deviltry.

THE MASTER DECEIVER

This coming "Superman" will not need any previous publicity, nor will he need any expert press agents to drum up interest for him, for when his time comes he will immediately perform a Miracle of such proportions as to completely overwhelm the people.

Therefore, the mere fact of having to work up something to win their confidence is out of the picture, for it will be "in the bag" from the first Miracle that he performs. His record is well-known and most outstanding, for he is listed in the "Who's Who" of the Bible as the "Master Deceiver of the Ages", one who doesn't have to stop at the idea of mere Magic. Owing to the degree of D.D. (Doctor of Devils) his powers enable him to outclass all others in the business of deception.

This particular "degree" gives him the right and the authority to produce the startling phenomena called "Lying Wonders"*—something very special and never attempted before in the history of man. This, in itself, will be most staggering and overwhelming, so much so that the entire world will stand aghast at his great powers. As the result of these miracles called "Lying Wonders" the whole world will acclaim him as God Almighty.

It is plain to see that such things as these will be the "last word" when it comes to the nefarious Art of Deception. Can you wonder that such a man as this, with such colossal powers as he will possess, will have no trouble in convincing the world that he is God Almighty?

CHAPTER THREE

Mystics, True and False

Mystics as a general rule are most interesting people. Many of them are definitely honest and genuine, though others are nothing more than mere "Fakirs" — the kind that any traveler will find in Bombay, Calcutta, or any other city in the Orient. Mystics are usually classified into two distinct divisions, namely: those who have acquired knowledge and power and use it constructively for the purpose of helping others if possible; and those who have acquired knowledge and possess considerable power, but use it for destructive purposes, in much the same manner as old witch-craft was used in the early days.

In the Oriental countries, students of Mental Research study this strange phenomenon with the view to finding out how it occurs, but few can offer a satisfactory explanation of the unusual things which happen before their very eyes. Because of the wholesale destruction of the earliest records of mankind that were at one time kept under strict guard in the

^{*} See Rev. 13:13. 2nd Thess. 2:9.

great Libraries of Antiquity, much of this Ancient Knowledge has been lost to the world at large.

POWERS THAT DEFY REASON

Some years ago while in India it was my good fortune to have had one of the rarest and greatest experiences in my life. Life is filled with unusual things, but this experience tops them all.

The scene lies in the Jungles of the Province of Bengal, where the famous Bengal tigers originate. On this particular occasion I was one of a party of twelve that was being taken by two native "Adepts" into the vast jungle regions, many miles from any human habitation.

The purpose of such a journey was to study at close range, animal life from the standpoint of Mental Phenomena and the use of Mental Powers on these various animals, irrespective of whether they were tigers, leopards or panthers. The guides had informed us that in this certain locale we would unquestionably see much action and have many thrills, but all for a lesson—though some parts of this story were unknown to us at the start. Had we been told about it before starting, I wonder how many would have been willing to go on.

Our guides were Mystics or what is known in India as "Adepts" and they surely knew their business and were able to demonstrate their unusual powers.

After spending the night in the jungle with all of its strange noises and weird calls of the wild animals, we got under way the following morning and traversed quite some distance before we came to a large opening in the jungle. Here we found a large field in which were a number of tigers, and among them was a "Black Leopard" — one of the most beautiful of all beasts and most rare as well.

Our guides immediately suggested that we continue on toward the place where they were, but such a suggestion fell on deaf ears, for most of the party declined with thanks. However, one of the guides said he would call the "Black Leopard" over to where we were and give us a chance to study it at close range. But most of us had the idea that this range was close enough, and he wasn't encouraged.

Finally one of the "Adepts" stood up and turned his attention in the direction of the open field, and for several moments he focused his attention on the "Black Leopard." Then after he made a call, this beautiful beast came running like an old Shepherd Dog to where the guide was and dropped at his feet.

Being of the cat family it began to purr, which indicated that it was in perfect agreement with its surroundings and all was well. Each of the party fondled and petted it as though it were the family cat.

The unusual side of this story is that the leopard is regarded as a ferocious beast and would not be subject to the treatment it received from us. The thought is, the mind of the "Mystic" was free from fear, and the ferociousness of the leopard is in our own consciousness.

LEVITATION

One of the most extraordinary "Mystics" in all of the Orient is one by the name of "Govindaswami" who is a member of the Royal Household of the Maharaja of Chandernagore. He absolutely defies all known laws of Man in his daring feats, which often hold people spellbound.

The phenomenon of Levitation is one of the greatest feats of Man, and this is successfully accomplished at will, whenever "Govindaswami" wishes to do it. Taking an ironwood cane which had been given him by a member of the Royal Household, he proceeded to lean on the handle with his eyes fixed on the ground. He then began to utter incantations, much like affirmations used by people in the western world. Slowly, while still leaning on the cane, he began to rise from the ground to a height of more than four feet, with his legs now crossed, like a sitting image of old Buddha. For more than twenty full minutes he remained suspended in mid-air with nothing to hold him up, a feat that defied all the laws of gravity.

THE MYSTERY MAN OF THE EAST

During the latter part of the year 1925, while I was engaged in Archaeological Research work in Palestine and other neighboring countries of the Near East, I began to hear from many and varied sources very strange and rather fantastic reports about a most unusual Man. He was known as "The Great Mystic" of Assyria (now called Syria). He lived in that country close to the Euphrates River, some one hundred and twenty-five miles northeast from the city of Aleppo.

In connection with this Man, I was informed that even though he was spoken of as the "Great Mystic", still he could never be classed as just an ordinary one, because he possessed a power so staggering as to defy all imagination, and that he utterly baffled all who went to see him.

JUST ANOTHER MYSTIC

From the statements I have made in previous paragraphs, it can be readily seen that the meeting of "Mystics" was nothing new to me, for in my travels to the far-flung places of the world, such as India, Tibet, Haiti and other places, I had contacted many of them. Some of them I knew very closely and counted them among my friends in those lands. I was well acquainted with their unusual powers and had studied the Science of these things while in those places. So in view of all of this, the fact of hearing about this strange "Mystic of Assyria" failed to arouse any special enthusiasm in me to see him. I took it in a sort of matter-of-fact way, and it soon was forgotten and out of my mind.

THINGS OF DESTINY

Some things, it is evident, have a very definite destiny. Because of this they can neither be forgotten nor can they be easily dropped from one's mind. So it seems was the case in the matter of the "Assyrian Mystic" for wherever I went I continued to hear about him and to have his name brought constantly to my attention. In this way it was being indelibly impressed on my mind, though I was not entirely aware of the fact.

His name was the subject of conversation of young and old, rich and poor, high and low. Even among the intelligentsia and the high Government officials of Jerusalem his name was the center of all conversation. In the course of time I was introduced to the "Grand Mufti" of the City of Jerusalem. He, too, mentioned his name and informed me that he was beyond all question the "Most Powerful Man" living today, and in due time the entire world would declare him to be their God.

When statements like this, coming from a man of such authority as the "Grand Mufti" of the City of Jerusalem were directed to me, I began to realize that there must be something more than average about this person. He even advised me to try and see him, though at the same time he assured me that such was next to impossible, for he granted few interviews and they were limited to but thirty minutes only. I was told he was an absolute recluse and shunned all publicity or notoriety, and because of this refused to see many people who sought interviews with him.

Strange things do occur and I found that my interest in the "Assyrian Mystic" was growing. I began to intuitively sense the fact that there was something more to this man than just being "another mystic", as had been my previous impression. I began to take into consideration that if these stories of him were true and could be verified, there could be no question but that he was a "Coming Man of Destiny."

The thought of him and what others had told me as well, continued to linger with me for the next few years, though I left the Holy Land for Arabia. But even in Southern Arabia I heard of his great powers.

KING FEISAL OF IRAQ

I continued my Research Work in the Near East countries until October 1928. In the latter part of that month, while in the City of Aden in Southern Arabia, I received a very special invitation from the late King Feisal, Emir of Iraq, to be his guest at his splendid and modern palace at Bagdad, on the banks of the well known Tigris River, long famous in Biblical history.

King Feisal was born in Arabia in 1885, the son of the late Husein-Ibn-Ali, former King of the Hedjaz, a country formerly known as the "Ancient Kingdom of Mesopotamia" of the early Bible days. In the month of March 1920, he was proclaimed "King of Syria", but abdicated the throne in July of the same year. However, in August of 1921 he was elected and later proclaimed "King of Iraq" and reigned until his death in 1933.

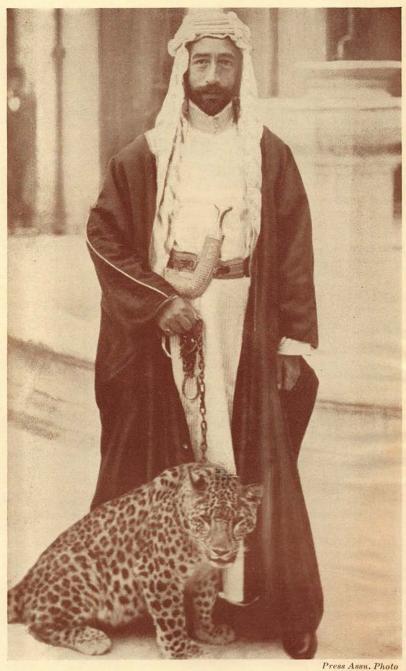
THE CITY OF ARABIAN NIGHTS

The never-ending wonder of Bagdad is its seething activity—not a hurried activity, for that would be an Occidental innovation which every true "Son of the East" would combat to his last breath.

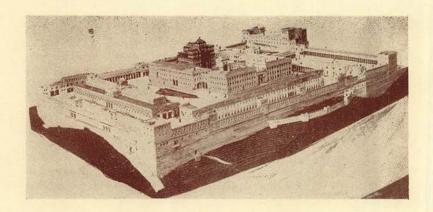
The ancient dust is raised by the horse gharries,—ancient hacks—taxi-cabs, pack mules and bellied camels, and a neverending procession of men, some wearing rich turbans, others wearing bright fezzes, while others wear white pith helmets or straw hats; soldiers in casques of cork with quilted padding over their necks; women in the latest modes of Paris, with others in veils and still others in black square masks.

One wonders where all these people come from, what they are doing, and where they will go when they get it done. This is a fair picture of the "City of the Arabian Nights", which stands on both banks of the Tigris River, with its more than three hundred thousand souls.

It was to this city of ancient wonders that I came late in the month of October 1928 to be the special guest of the late



The late King Feisal of Iraq in a characteristic pose with his pet panther which he raised from a cub.

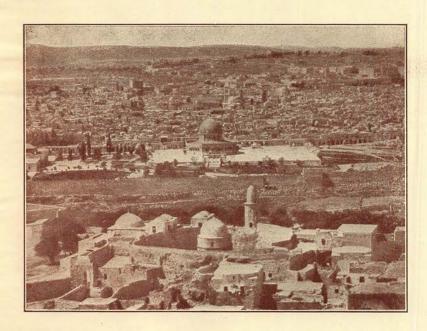


THE NEW TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

The original Temple of Solomon was destroyed 400 years after its erection by the Babylonians. The second Temple was built by Zerubbabel. The third Temple was erected by Herod, an Idumaen, to win the good will of the Jews.

The photograph above reveals the magnificent grandeur of the proposed fourth Temple of Solomon which, according to the plans of the noted Jewish architect G. C. Schick, will surpass in beauty and vastness the other three.

This modern Temple is to be constructed on the site of the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem — shown in the center of the picture below. The Mosque and the adjacent structures will be razed to provide adequate space.



King Feisal at his Royal Palace. As soon as I had arrived at the dreary and dusty railway station, I was greeted officially by the Aides of the King, and then driven in a large American made car to the Royal Palace—which is a little distance out from the city and up the river.

As soon as I had arrived at the Palace, I was received at once by the King's Chief Aide and taken to the "Reception Room" where I was again welcomed by His Majesty, whom I had met some few years before. After a brief conversation I was taken to the private suite which I would occupy during my stay at the Palace.

At eleven o'clock the next morning it appeared as though the first hours were to be filled with constant activity. One social function after another followed, with a Grand Reception at night where it seemed as though all the Dignitaries in the Kingdom, and from every other Kingdom, were there.

I fully appreciated the festivities, but in all consideration to His Majesty, I shall treasure most of all the three-hour motor trip around the environs of Bagdad, where I was able to see some of the evidence of the ancient Kingdom of old Nebuchadnezzar in the days of antiquity.

After the formalities of the official welcome and the social functions of the day before, the King and I were able to have our first real visit together in an uninterrupted way. In this first visit we discussed and talked about those things that were of particular interest to him, and of course, the outstanding subject was the United States, the marvels of our American life and industry and the great educational system we have in this country, of which we can well boast.

Another topic of conversation which was of mutual interest to us both was the subject of Archaeological Research—especially those fields that were not so well-known to him, such as the Mayan Pyramids and Temples of Yucatan in Central America, the remains of the Old Inca Civilization of Peru, and the Ancient Shamo Civilization of the Gobi Desert of Mongolia.

KING FEISAL, THE MYSTIC

On the third morning of my visit to the Royal Palace, while having breakfast with His Majesty in true Arabian fashion, the intriguing subject of Mysticism and its attendant phenomena became the topic for a most interesting hour of discussion between us. In view of the fact that the King himself was a most ardent devotee of Mysticism, it would only be

natural that he would be profoundly interested in discussing these questions with me, for he knew that I had spent many years in various parts of the world in an exhaustive study, to ascertain whether or not it had any particular value to Mental Research—especially so from the standpoint of the phenomena it produced.

Continuing our conversation on the subject of Mysticism, the King asked me if during my travels in recent years, particularly in the Near East countries, I had ever heard of the "Strange Mystery Man of Assyria" (known as the Mystic of Assyria) or if I knew anything about him, and to what extent.

In reply to the King's question, I stated I had heard considerable about such a man for a period of three years or more. But inasmuch as he was always spoken of as the "Mystic of Assyria" I gave it only passing attention, for after all, I had met Mystics before in my world-wide travels to India, Tibet, Egypt and the Island of Haiti. Some of these I knew personally. And beyond that I was not particularly interested, for in all probability he was "just another one" and there were many more in the world like him.

NOT JUST ANOTHER ONE

I observed that while I was endeavoring to answer the King's questions concerning this "Mystery Man" he was very much displeased with my last statement: "In all probability he is just another one."

For what seemed to me to be minutes, the King looked at me with a strange stare. Finally he said: "So you think this man is 'just another one'! — I wonder what you would say if I were to tell you that he is my cousin, and is unquestionably the Greatest Mind in the world today, and should you ever have the privilege of meeting him, you will never again say 'just another one'."

The words of King Feisal were like a strange prophecy, for the time did come when it was my privilege to see this "strange mystic." I quite agree with my true friend, the King, that he was not "just another mystic", but was, as the King had stated, the "Greatest Mind" I had ever contacted in my life, and that he possessed a power beyond anything I had ever seen anywhere in the world.

I must admit my experience was a great lesson to me, despite the fact that I was greatly embarrassed over what I had said, because I had failed to consider at the time there was any possible connection between the "Strange Mystery Man" and the King with whom I was speaking. However, the King evidently sensed the difficult position in which I had been placed, for he immediately changed the subject of conversation and never spoke of it again that day.

On the following morning, as though it were a matter of course, he again brought up the question of his cousin. But this time it was for the purpose of impressing me with the fact that I should avail myself of any opportunity which would open the way for me to see this most unusual man.

MOST DIFFICULT TO SEE

King Feisal made it very clear to me that his cousin was not only a most difficult person to see but he would not see anyone, irrespective of where he came from, unless his Papers of Introduction had been previously examined and approved by his secretaries. And even then, all such papers must bear the signature of some thoroughly responsible person, known to his Office Staff.

I was told the reason for such strict regulations was because his cousin lived in such a "high state of consciousness" that most people who interviewed him were unable to comprehend his "Vast Mental Powers." Hence they would automatically be left in a state of utter bewilderment, being unable to explain or account for the source of his unusual power. Because of this, all papers are carefully checked, and all interviews are limited to but thirty minutes. There are no exceptions to this rule. I was further told that he shuns all publicity and positively refuses to see any one who seeks him for curiosity alone.

A GENUINE PRINCE

I was informed by King Feisal that his cousin, Prince Abdul Baraba Baha, was a genuine Prince, having been born in the City of Mecca — the Holy City of the Mohammedans — in the year 1894.

Though he was an illegitimate son, still he came from the Royal House of the Sultan of Turkey. His father was Abdul Hamid II and his great-grandfather was Mahmud II, both former Sultans of Turkey. And through Mohammed IV, he is connected with Mohammed Ahmed Ali, known as the famous "Leader of the Mahdists" — a fanatical religious movement of Arabs who recognized their leader as the "Spokesman of God."

This is rather singular, inasmuch as his cousin from the other side of the same family is now considered to be the coming "Anti-Christ", long predicted in the Bible as that one who would come at the End of the Age. (See the genealogy in this book).

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

In order to be assured that my Letters of Introduction would be accepted by the secretaries of the Prince, King Feisal took every precaution to have these letters prepared in the name of the "Iraqian Government" and officially signed by him as "King of Iraq." It is self-evident that such letters, bearing the signature of the King and the seal of the Iraqian Government, would be accepted. However, the interesting feature of this was the fact that letters of this nature would be recognized as "Official Letters of State." This would automatically change my status from that of an ordinary reporter to that of an actual guest of the Royal Household of the Prince, being accorded the courtesy comparable to my status as personal friend of the King of Iraq.

Through this very great courtesy of the late King Feisal, I was given the rare privilege to visit and talk with Prince Abdul Baraba Baha who was unquestionably the "Greatest Mind" in the world at that time. He surely was the greatest mind I had ever contacted, and he may in the end become the "Great Man of Sin" whose number is "666" as set forth in Revelation 13:18.

I shall speak of this number (666) in another chapter in this book.

A STRANGE PROPHECY

On the final morning of my memorable visit with King Feisal, he suggested that before I left to take the train I spend the last few minutes with him on the roof of the Royal Palace where we would have a more commanding view of the country-side and the famous Tigris River Valley. There he would be able to point out to me many places whose history goes back to the days of antiquity—when old Haroun al Rashid and Nebuchadnezzar were the builders of Ancient Babylon, which is now known as Bagdad and its adjacent territory.

With the aid of field glasses we could see in the distance the ruins of the Ancient City of Ctesiphon where stands one lone arch, all that remains of the famous white Palace of Chosroes. Another interesting site he pointed out was the Ancient City of Seleucia, built in 300 B.C. by Seleucus I. For splendor and wealth it reigned supreme for more than a thousand years as the "Wonder of the World."

While enjoying and appreciating as well the wonderful kindness of the King to take the time to show me all the reminders of the "Ancient of Days" I was aware that he had something to talk to me about that was of more serious consequence than the sights we had seen.

Finally, he suggested that we walk over to the southwest part of the roof. As we reached that side, he quickly raised his right hand and pointed in the same direction. In a tone of voice that was indicative of deep emotion he said:

"Yonder, some few hundred miles distant, stands old Mount Carmel where Elijah, the Prophet, called down the fire from heaven in order to demonstrate to the people the power of the God he worshipped. That, of course, was Elijah who performed the 'Miracle of Fire' in the name of the 'Unseen God.' But I tell you that a greater one than Elijah is already here: Prince Abdul Baraba Baha, whom the world chooses to call, for the time, the 'Assyrian Mystic' but not for long. He, too, will stand in the very 'Shadow of Carmel' and like Elijah of old, will perform miracles, but not in the name of another God like the old Prophet. They will be in his own name, and before a world wildly acclaiming him as their God, as he calls down the 'Fire from Heaven' to prove his great powers."

That was the final statement from King Feisal. You will agree, I am sure, that it was staggering, to say the least.

In confirmation of the above statements, I refer you to the Sacred Scriptures:

"Hear me O Lord, hear me that this people may know that Thou art the Lord God and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the 'Fire of the Lord' fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. —First Kings 18:37-38.

"And he doeth 'Great Wonders' so that he maketh 'Fire come down from Heaven' on the earth in the sight of Man."—Revelation 13:13.

STARTLING WORDS

King Feisal evidently sensed the fact that his startling statements all but floored me. He quickly changed the picture by reminding me that the Prince was a most gracious person after all, and I had no reason to be alarmed, for I would be shown every possible courtesy when I went to see him.

The King's words were comforting and quite reassuring. But for some reason I could not remove them from my mind, for I realized if the statements of King Feisal were correct, shortly I would be visiting and talking with the very man who would some day perform these very things.

In addition, the more I thought of it, the more I realized I would be face to face with the "Greatest Power of Evil" the world has ever known, verily, the "Incarnation of the Devil" himself, and that I would be the household guest of the very man who unquestionably was destined to be the "Man of Sin"* as the Bible indicates.

Can you wonder, then, that the words of Feisal were ever before me: "When you go to see him." The more I thought of those words, the more I wondered whether or not I should go.

After I had regained my composure from these rather staggering statements, the King continued with words more challenging, perhaps, than the previous ones:

"When I send you to the Prince, you will say, as all others have, that he is the very wisest man you have ever talked with or will ever talk with again."

Again he said: "When you are tired of the so-called cleverness of man, go and drink from the mind of Prince Abdul Baraba Baha for you will be communing with God Himself."

Strange as it may seem, this is the feeling of all who contact him, as I shall relate more fully in another book.

BAGDAD, LUXOR AND ALEPPO

It was with considerable reluctance that I left the Royal Palace of King Feisal in Bagdad to resume my Research Work in the Upper Nile Valley at Luxor, Egypt.

Luxor is a city of some twenty thousand people, situated on the east bank of the Upper Nile River, and about four hundred and twenty-five miles south of Cairo. It is unquestionably the principal point of interest on the Nile, for within a radius of

^{* 2}nd Thess. 2:3.

fifty miles in any direction are to be found many of the great "Wonders of Antiquity." Luxor itself occupies the site of the ancient City of Thebes. In this same locality are the Temple of Luxor, the Great Hall of Karnak and the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings.

I remained in Luxor until the following March of 1929, when I began to make preparations for my visit with the "Strange Mystery Man of Assyria." Through the courtesy of King Feisal, my official papers had been sent on ahead so as to avoid any delay and the necessity of my waiting until they were checked and approved by the secretaries.

On March the 12th, I left Luxor by Dahabiyeh (river steamers) for Cairo. From there I left by train for Damascus, the oldest city in the world. An old Arab legend states that Adam settled the town and owned the first town-site, going there after he had been expelled from the Garden of Eden and that is why he called it DAM-ASCUS.

From Damascus, I went to Baalbek, where I took the broadgauge railroad to Aleppo, via the interesting cities of Homs and Hama, instead of taking the extra time to go via Beirut, which would have necessitated an all night ride through the mountains on the narrow-gauge line.

The city of Hama was spoken of as "Hamath the Great"* by the Prophet, Amos. In this same locality is El Mualakah, the place, according to Moslem history, where Noah is buried, also Seth, the third son of Adam.

Baalbek is by far the most interesting, for here we find the Ancient Temple of Bacchus that dates back to the "Days of Antiquity." Baalbek's founder is said to be Cain who built this fortress so as defend himself from his pursuers (more likely his troubled soul). The superb carvings on the main portal of this Temple are not excelled by any building in the world. The masterful work of its builders is a revelation even to this day. It is known to be the largest and most perfect Temple ever erected by man on the earth.

On March 20, 1929, with the thermometer registering well over the one hundred mark, I arrived, after a very warm and tedious journey from Baalbek, at the rather modern, though decidedly dirty, railway station of Aleppo. Aleppo is called by the Arabs, "Haleb" and is a typical Syrian City of some one hundred and eighty thousand people, of whom three-fourths are Mohammedans. The remainder are Jewish, French and British merchants, with a small percentage of other races, who appar-

^{*} Amos 6:2.

ently have no specific business. It is a city that is profoundly Mohammedan in every respect.

Were it not for the regular street vendors who come out to meet all trains with their trays of fruit, candy and Syrian jewelry (which they all but force one to buy) and a few Magicians who meet all incoming trains so as to entertain the travelers with their tricks of Magic, Aleppo would be like the "City of the Dead," for no one stirs or gets about during the mid-day, because of the intense heat. In many ways one would be reminded of our neighbors in the South, who never fail to take advantage of such a time for their Siesta.

But at night, it is a much different story. All is activity, with the streets filled with people visiting the Bazaars and the countless Coffee Shops, until the wee hours of the morning.

TO THE PRINCE'S HOME

It was in such an atmosphere as this that I arrived at the city of Aleppo. When I reached the railway station, the Aides of the Prince were there to greet me and to extend to me the official welcome of His Highness, Prince Abdul Baraba Baha.

As soon as these Official Courtesies were over, I was escorted to the private automobile of the Prince which was to take me to his palatial home on the East bank of the Euphrates River, some one hundred and twenty-five miles from Aleppo in the mountains of Assyria.

Our two cars left Aleppo at exactly eleven o'clock, with my personal luggage in the rear car. For four and one-half hours we motored across many miles of sun-baked desert country, where there was no tree to be seen, nor water to be had, in all that vast region, save at an occasional Oasis.

We journeyed on until one o'clock in the afternoon, when the Aides decided to stop at an Oasis for a brief rest, and a respite from the terrific heat that now was registering well over the one-hundred-twenty mark in the shade. It was undoubtedly much warmer out in the burning sun. At this Oasis we found but three lone palm trees. Not another tree of any description could be seen as far as the eye could reach. However, we found a cooling spring and here we refreshed ourselves with its fine water before continuing on our journey. No one can fully appreciate the full meaning of that word "water" unless he has travelled in the Desert.

Most people have the idea that water is most satisfying and quenches the thirst, especially so in the desert. However, this

depends upon the individual, for some find it has an opposite effect, only creating a further desire for it, and more often as well. Hardened Desert travelers have learned long ago to revolve a pebble or small stone in the mouth because this has a tendency to induce the flow of saliva. This in turn keeps the lips, throat and tongue moist, and prevents severe cracking from the intense heat.

While we were resting beneath the shade of the few Palm trees, a great "Camel Train" was approaching from the east. A train of a score or more camels is one of the great sights to be seen on the Desert. To one who has never seen such a sight it is something most interesting and impressive.

FEATS OF MEMORY

The Aides of the Prince were typical Mohammedans, but of the more educated and scholarly class. They talked freely with me and spoke most excellent English, so much so that I marvelled, for most Orientals find English a very difficult language to master. I was informed that they were graduates of the world-renowned Mohammedan University of El Azhar at Cairo, and they could speak fluently five other languages beside their own.

They mentioned the fact that one of the many requirements for matriculation at the University, and which all prospective students must comply with, is to be able to recite from memory the entire Koran verbatim, word for word, from beginning to end. This in itself would be quite a feat for anyone, much less other requirements that are necessary for entrance into the University. The Koran contains about 6,000 verses and about 60,000 words.

A fairly good memory test, is it not?

ARRIVAL AT THE PALACE

As we were nearing the end of our journey from Aleppo, the Prince's Aides informed me that my coming visit was being anticipated by His Royal Highness, and my stay at the Palace would prove to be the greatest experience in my life. Also in years to come I would be able to say that I had visited and talked with the "Greatest Mind" in all the world.

As I have stated before, King Feisal had previously taken care of all matters pertaining to my credentials as far as letters of introduction were concerned. Long before my arrival at the Prince's home they had been checked and approved. All was in readiness for my visit with the Prince.

At three-thirty that same afternoon our cars reached the outer gates of the Palace grounds. Here we were greeted by "Couriers" of the Prince who came to extend to me the official Arab greeting — which was in the nature of "Blowing of the Ram's Horns" by richly attired Nomadic Tribesmen.

This, I was told, was an age-long custom of the Arabs and was used in announcing the arrival of honored guests and travelers from afar. It was later explained to me that such a greeting is by no means a common thing. It is done only on very rare and most important occasions. However, I did appreciate it, for I had often read and heard of such a custom among the Arabs, but had never had the opportunity of witnessing it before.

RECEIVED BY SECRETARY

Following this most unusual welcome by the Arab Tribesmen, which was enthusiastic as well as noisy, I left the private automobile of His Highness, and proceeded immediately to the Palace. I was escorted by the Aides of the Prince, with another Aide walking directly in front. He had been selected to present me to Mr. Yusef Achmed Bey, the personal secretary to His Highness.

Mr. Bey welcomed me most cordially and assured me that everything possible would be done to make my visit a pleasant one. After these few words of greeting, we went directly to his private office. There I was asked to sign, as a matter of general routine, the official Papers of State which had been received from the Iraqian Government, relative to my visit with the Prince.

As soon as the papers had been signed, Mr. Bey took me to the general office where I was introduced to the entire secretarial staff.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Mystery Man Himself

While the secretary and I were talking in his private office the signal was given which indicated that we were to proceed at once to the "Grand Drawing Room" preparatory to being received by His Royal Highness, Prince Abdul Baraba Baha. In the meantime, while Mr. Bey and I were standing waiting for His Royal Highness to enter, I began to realize that within a moment or two I would be standing before the Most Mysterious and the Most Powerful man in the world. My mind quickly recalled the strange and overwhelming words of King Feisal, who said to me, but a few months before:

"You will be face to face with a man whose powers are so great that it staggers the imagination.

"His mind is so phenomenal that he controls the elements at will and baffles the Greatest in their efforts to fathom it.

"He is unquestionably a 'Man of Great Destiny' and some day the Nations of the world will reckon with him.

"Like Elijah of old, he will perform Miracles of Fire, but not in the name of an 'Unseen God' like the old Prophet, but in his own name and before a world wildly acclaiming him as their God."

While these rather ominous words were flashing through my mind and I was tense with the feeling of expectancy, wondering, of course, just what my first impressions of him would be, the doors of the Drawing Room opened and the "Strange Mystery Man of Assyria", His Royal Highness, Prince Abdul Baraba Baha, entered with one of his Aides.

He was dressed in princely Arabian attire, stately in appearance, tall, erect, striking personality, about thirty-four years of age at the time I was there, (March 20, 1929) eyes of such a deadly stare that it would easily remind one of Daniel's reference to the "Man of Fierce Countenance"* who would come forth in the "Time of the End" as the "Great Deceiver" to the entire world.

OFFICIALLY PRESENTED

After I had been introduced to the Prince by Mr. Yusef Achmed Bey, and we in turn had extended our personal greetings to each other, the secretary and the Prince's Aide immediately left the room, leaving us entirely alone for a brief visit, before I was to be taken to my suite.

In the meantime I extended to the Prince the special greetings and best wishes I had brought with me from his cousin,

^{*} Daniel 8:23-25; Matthew 24:24.

King Feisal of Iraq. This seemed to please him greatly, for he said:

"I shall want to speak with you further about your visit to Bagdad and Feisal, for that was but the beginning of some very startling and phenomenal things, which you yourself will both see and experience while you are here."

While his eyes were manifesting every evidence of the "Man of Fierce Countenance" he said: "Before your visit has been completed you will know and know most definitely why I am here and the position I will take and the part I am destined to play in the coming world drama."

After this statement there was a strange and uncanny pause where neither of us spoke. Finally he said: "A great prophecy has been made and the world at large may not understand these words, but the time will come when History will confirm them."

DUAL PERSONALITY

At this juncture in our conversation, there was a very sudden change in his personality. He changed from the "Man of Fierce Countenance" to that of the "Good Shepherd", showing every facial expression of Love and Compassion, such as only the Christ could manifest or reveal.

The ability to change one's personality from one extreme to the other and at will is a feat that only a "Master of the Art of Make Believe" can do. The world has produced but one Lon Chaney and there may never be another. However, this man not only had the ability to quickly bring about these changes, but he had the power to give them life and perfect expression as well, in such a way that it was baffling.

The uncanny pull and the power he manifested while portraying the "Good Shepherd" role were so great and overwhelming, that it was with all the power at my command to resist from calling him and openly worshipping him as the Christ. There can be no question but that this man fulfills in every detail the description of the "Man of Fierce Countenance" and the "One who may deceive the very Elect."

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of 'Fierce Countenance' and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and

shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hands: and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of Princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

—Daniel 8:23-25.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it be possible, they shall deceive the very elect." —Matthew 24:24.

PERIOD OF REST

After our brief visit we adjourned for a time. The Prince instructed his Aides to take me to my suite. The Palace was a most massive structure, built on the side of a barren mountain close to the banks of the Euphrates River in old Assyria. My suite was most modern in every way and very comfortable. It was evident that much thought and care had been expended to make it restful and pleasant for any guest.

After arranging my effects for a several-days' visit, I decided to take advantage of this time for a much needed rest and meditation, in order to prepare myself and be well fortified to withstand the "false power" that would constantly face me while there. More and more I realized I was the guest of one who beyond any doubt was destined to be the coming "Man of Sin"* and who is also referred to in the Bible as the "Son of Perdition."

It would be a most difficult task to describe one's feelings when in such a position as I was. However, many who will read this book will understand, especially those who have gone to foreign fields to spread the Gospel of Christ. I realized that every possible effort would be exerted through one way or the other, subtle and otherwise, to deceive me, even though the outer guise was of the "Spirit of Kindness." I tried to rest, and in a measure I did. Yet on the other hand, there was every evidence that the "Forces of Darkness" were far from being asleep.

SPECIAL ARABIAN DINNER

After a brief, but a much needed rest from the several hours of desert and mountain travel, I was refreshed sufficient-

^{* 2}nd Thess. 2:3.

ly to join my host, the Prince, at six that evening in the library, preparatory to the evening dinner. In the large and beautiful dining room of his palatial home, we sat down to a very special "Arabian Dinner" which I understood was prepared especially in my honor.

To those whose tastes might be somewhat epicurean, here was a dinner fit for a king. According to the Menu we were served: sheep stuffed with almonds, raisins, rice, hard-boiled eggs, all sorts of spices, dates, limes and olives served on oyster shells; bowls of curdled milk, sweet sticky pastes, iced watermelon, whole chickens, and reddish-black bread made of millet flour. With all of this, we were served a powerful drink, which tasted more like varnish, though they tried to tell me it was nothing but coffee. Whether coffee or something else, it was too much for me.

ADJOURN TO LIBRARY

Following this most unusual and certainly novel repast, the Prince and I adjourned to the library, where it was arranged we would spend the evening in discussing things of great importance. That is, they were important to the Prince, though, candidly, not to me, for I realized the true purpose behind them. But I was his guest and I was expected to adjust myself accordingly.

All through the evening dinner he had maintained the outer attitude of a most gracious friend, even to that of a brother, whose every consideration would be that of kindness. But on resuming our conversation in the library, he suddenly changed, mannerisms and all, and became the "Man of Fierce Countenance." This was brought about so quickly it was overwhelming and even baffling. It is plain to be seen that no one but a "Master Mind" could have produced such a change as this and do it as effectively as he did.

THE ARCH DECEIVER

It was apparent right from the beginning that the chief purpose of our conversation that night was of far greater importance than to spend our time talking about what King Feisal had said to me, even though the Prince did evince quite an interest in the matter at the time I had been formally introduced to him.

However, it was not at all necessary for him to ask me questions about what anyone had said, for such tactics on his

part would only indicate a most limited consciousness. And surely a man of his unusual powers would not have to stoop to the level of having to ask questions of another, or have to resort to such means in order to find out what another had said, especially so if it was information he was seeking.

There could be no question but that he knew and knew long before my arrival at his home every detail connected with my visit to King Feisal, and the subject matter of every conversation.

To many this might seem a bit fantastic, and quite unreasonable that he was able to bridge the gap between time and space, and by such, know in perfect detail the things that were occurring hundreds, or possibly thousands of miles away, even to the point of knowing the subject of every conversation and still not be present in the physical body. In such a case, one would have little use for telephones, telegraphs, or even letters.

Fantastic as these things may seem, still they have been known to men of science and have been practiced by "Adepts" and "Highly Evolved Souls" down through the passing centuries. For that matter, these things are not unknown today, though humanity at large knows but little of them.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, famed French Scientist, and Sir Hubert Wilkins, noted Arctic Explorer, are familiar with these unusual laws and practice them to a measure in their every-day lives, as do many others who may not be so well known. Our Lord, the Christ, the founder of Christianity and unquestionably the Redeemer of mankind, understood and practiced these laws which John, the Disciple and the writer of the Gospel, describes:

"Nathanael saith unto him, whense knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the Fig Tree, I saw thee."*

Therefore, think it not strange, that a "Man of such an unparalleled Destiny" as Prince Abdul Baraba Baha, would be able to use these laws as well as anyone else; perhaps more so, owing to the position he occupies in the world as the embodiment of "All Evil" and unquestionably the coming "Super Deceiver"** of the age.

Just before we entered the library the Prince requested his secretary to bring to him the correspondence between King

^{*} John 1:48.

^{** 2}nd Thess. 2:10

Feisal and himself for the past six months. At the time I could see no real reason for such, or be able to attach any importance to it, unless it was for reference purposes during our conversation that evening. However, there was something to it, beyond that which appeared on the surface.

As soon as he had received them from the secretary he asked me to read each one of them carefully. I thought this a rather strange request but I did it, nevertheless. I observed there were but six letters, including the official State letters which had been received from the Iraquian Government, and they pertained to my contemplated visit with the Prince. I noticed that in all these letters there was not the least reference to anything personal, relative to my visit with King Feisal, nor was there any clue as to the subject of any conversation we might have had.

After I had read those letters from King Feisal and was still wondering why he asked me, he said: "Do you recall my statements made to you upon your arrival when I said that this is but the beginning of some very startling and phenomenal things which you will both see and experience while here"?

I replied that I did and it seemed sufficient for the time. Finally he began to speak of King Feisal and certain things that the King and I had previously discussed, which pertained especially to "Elijah and the Miracles of Fire before Mount Carmel."

I was greatly intrigued. I wondered instantly how he knew of this, for there was no mention of such in any of King Feisal's letters. I was confounded, and he took advantage of it, for he knew I would be wondering how he knew these things, and here was his opportunity to display his skill in the "Science of Illusion."

This was merely part of a most shrewd and crafty trick to divert my attention from what would seem to be the natural order of things to that which would be clothed in mystery. In this way he could hold, if possible, and direct my attention as though I were completely under his "Magic Power" so he could more realistically portray the part and attempt by such to convince me that he was "God Almighty."

This is more easily said than done, especially so when the other person has been able to discern the true facts in the case, and see the nefarious hand of deception and will.

He looked at me with those "Eyes of Fierceness" as though he were determined to impress me with his "Great Powers" when finally he said:

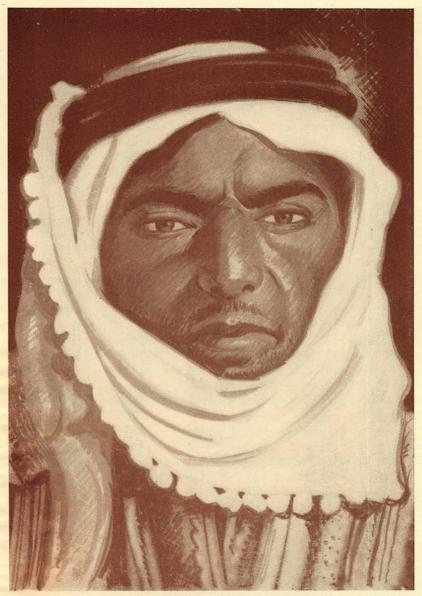


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HEJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI Formerly Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Now in exile. Head of the Anti-British Higher Arab Committee.

BELOW: The magnificent, ultra-modern palace of Abdul Baraba Baha situated on the Euphrates River in Syria.





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Prince Abdul Baraba Baha

The powerful personality, hidden behind an impenetrable mind, bewilders all who contact this mystery man of the East. His destiny is of a magnitude unparalleled in human history. Eventually, World Dictators will be forced to recognize him as the "Supreme Arbiter."

"You are wondering, no doubt, the source of my information. But let me remind you right now that I do not have to depend upon letters, telephones or telegrams for my information, for I automatically know, and I know long before it has been transmitted to others, irrespective of the channel."

Continuing, he said: "I am the channel, for I am He, and I am the One who personally controls the 'Destinies of Nations and their Rulers as well.' The world rulers are like clay in my hands. I control every situation; I make and break human lives at will. They must do my bidding. I give them my power, and if they fail to carry out my wishes, I remove them accordingly."

Concluding, he said: "Some day when the proper time has arrived, I shall come forth. The way will be prepared for me and at that time I shall be proclaimed by the entire world as their God. My coming will be at a time when the nations of the world will be in great distress from a long and devastating conflict. Sorrow and trouble will be everywhere, and right in the midst when every effort will be made by leading statesmen of the world to bring about Peace, there will be no peace; for I alone have power to bring peace. And in order to have peace the impossible must be done and I am the one to bring about the impossible. Hence, the 'Keys of Peace and Happiness' are in my hands, and the world will know it at that time."

To anyone who is at all conversant with the Great Prophecies of the Bible there can be no question but that such language would denote the very nature of the "Man of Sin"* who, it is understood, will be the "Anti-Christ"* and who will come forth at the closing of the "Time of the End."

There had been a few minutes when neither of us spoke and during this brief interim I was strangely aware that he was taking advantage of such, in order to prepare himself for an all-out blow at me before we adjourned for the night.

I had heard startling things, as he said I would, and I had seen much evidence of his phenomenal powers—particularly his ability to change his personality from one extreme to another at will. But what I had seen was both childish and amateurish compared to what came later. I had seen enough to convince me, but the real phenomena were yet to come.

This master showman, this skilled magician was now to produce the real thing. Suddenly and without warning he arose and walked to the opposite side of the room. He stood there for a few moments without speaking a word—as though he

^{* 2}nd Thess. 2:3.

were determined to produce something that would be altogether convincing and shatter all precedence.

Standing there like a Superman and staring at me with eyes like balls of fire, he suddenly exclaimed: "I am He. I am God!" And instantly he took on the appearance of Greatness, a Being — more than man.

Then came another sudden change. From the man of might and power he changed instantly to a perfect likeness of the Christ. I could not but imagine I saw in him every attribute of the Christ.

So great was the spell this man held over me that I had to call upon all the Divine power at my command to resist bowing before him and acknowledging him as God.

The phenomenon of change as practiced by him is surely the work of the "Master Deceiver of the Ages." But this is mere nothing to what he will do when the time comes—the time when he will come forth producing "Lying Wonders."

On several occasions I tried to speak the name of "Christ Jesus" but instead of answering me he turned his diabolical power on me in such a way that, were it not for the "Power of Divine Protection", I would have been annihilated by the burning power of his eyes. At this point I began to realize more and more the words of King Feisal, when he said: "When you see him you will be convinced."

I was convinced, though perhaps not in the way that King Feisal thought I would be. But one thing was most certain and that was: I was positive I had spent the evening with the "Incarnation of the Devil." As far as I was concerned I needed no further proof about this man's "destiny." Those three hours spent with him in the library were beyond any question the most terrifying I have ever experienced anywhere in all my life.

My thought now was that if what I had seen on the first night of my visit was a fair sample of what I could expect in others, I had better do some praying. My experiences were enough to benumb the senses, for it seemed as though the combined forces of darkness had been let loose in the room that night.

By now he was no longer the "Man of Fierce Countenance" but the very picture of the compassionate Christ, the "Good Shepherd." Just as we parted for the night—and I can assure that I was more than eager to get away for a rest—he wished me a pleasant night with all the kindness and solicitation of a close friend. He reminded me that we would have breakfast

at nine o'clock the following morning, and he would then take me for a long walk in the mountains and along the bank of the famous Euphrates River.

The last picture I saw before leaving for the night was a face so wondrously radiant and filled with seeming compassion that it was with considerable difficulty I was able to break away from him without saying: "You must be the Christ, after all." However, despite the fact of his dual nature and his ability to change from one character to another, I could not and would not be swayed by any of the false changes he was able to bring about, realizing that it was nothing short of the work of the "Master Deceiver."

FORCES OF DARKNESS

Tired and weary from the mental tortures of three hours of hell—nothing less—I found it most difficult to relax with the thought of getting some sleep in order that I might be able to withstand the "Wiles of the Devil" the next day. Sleep was most difficult, for emblazoned upon the four walls of my room were his last words: "I Am God." The very place seemed to be filled with "Demon Power." I realized more and more I was spending the night beneath the roof of one who was surely destined to be the coming "Super Deceiver", the very "Anti-Christ" himself.

Were it not for my absolute faith in Christ Jesus and my firm belief in His Atoning Blood I am quite sure I would not have had an anchor of sufficient strength to have kept me from being engulfed by this Satanic Power.

After a time I slept, but not until I was more than conscious of the "Protecting Power of the Christ." Even then I was surely aware of one thing — that I was the house guest of the "OLD BOY" himself, the "Devil Incarnate."

A CURIOUS BREAKFAST

I was never more pleased in my life than I was to see the bright sunshine the following morning. It had been a long night, partly one of sleep and partly of fighting the forces of darkness. But I was determined to fight it out and stay the full length of my visit. I realized that if I could stick it out, I would have something to reveal to mankind that would be of great value to humanity in the days to come, even though the time was not yet ripe to reveal these things.

We are NOW in the days when these things are scheduled to be revealed.

According to plan, I joined the Prince at breakfast at exactly nine o'clock. Now, as when I left him the night before, he was seemingly my friend, all radiant in his makebelieve character of the "Prince of Peace." He was pleasant and most entertaining. I was privileged to enjoy another unusual meal—this time a typical "Arabian Breakfast" with all the trimmings. I can assure you it was the "last word" in unusual repasts—and I have had many of them.

According to the menu, we had: Figs, Tarib (a junket of sour Goat's milk), Marag (a sort of oily soup mixed with bits of fat), reddish-black bread, squashed dates, thick Honey with Lousoums. It was a little different from "Ham and Eggs"! But it was rather interesting and some of it was quite palatable.

This extraordinary breakfast was served that morning on the flat roof of the Prince's palatial home.

MIRACLE OF FIRE

After breakfast, the Prince and his secretary asked me to join them in an early morning walk along the banks of the Euphrates River, which proved to be most interesting as well as instructive. The Euphrates is the largest river in Western Asia, and was one of the four rivers mentioned in the Bible in connection with the "Garden of Eden" (Gen. 2:14).

On leaving the Euphrates, we turned our steps in the direction of the mountains. And after climbing for some time we came to an observation point, from where we could see the vast Desert region below us. With the aid of our field glasses, we could see in the distance the ancient Assyrian City of Kaalat Balis, whose history I am told dates back to the days of Abraham when it was then known as Haran. Students of the Bible will recall that it was to Haran that Abraham and Terah, his Father, came when they left the Ur of Chaldees.*

This is a most desolate and arid region. One might well wonder how people could exist under such conditions, for apparently the only signs of life to be found anywhere are in the higher altitudes. Here may be found small bushes and a small variety of mountain Cedar. This is gathered and used for cooking purposes by the Arab people who are natives of this region, and in all probability wouldn't live anywhere else.

^{*} Genesis 11:31

Time had passed very quickly. Before we realized, it was close to eleven o'clock and we had walked miles under a very torrid sun. None of us showed any evidence of fatigue, neither were we thirsty. This impressed me greatly, for under ordinary circumstances, most people would be feeling the need for rest. I sensed the fact that there was something odd about this. I waited for the opportune moment, and then I mentioned it to Mr. Bey, and reminded him how unusual it was.

His reply was most direct and right to the point: "Nothing unusual at all about this. Do you not realize that you are with 'ONE' who has absolute control over the elements, and is not bound to any idea of seeming law of man?"

I then mentioned the fact that it would have been nice to have known this before, and then we would have appreciated it all the more.

To my statement the secretary replied: "But the Prince seeks no publicity, and if you want to see wonders simply tune into his mind, and they will manifest in ways to astound you."

How true it is, that the "Greater the Individual" the less desire there is for publicity. In this respect, the Prince was following the usual custom. As the Christ never announced before-hand the Miracles he performed, so it would be in perfect keeping that the "Anti-Christ" would follow accordingly. How strangely this man follows those same principles. That is why he is able to deceive those who go to see him. Only a genuine counterfeit can fool the public. And in the case of the Prince, the line is drawn so finely that many people find it a most difficult thing to detect the subterfuge.

I was most anxious to see some of the outstanding manifestations of his unusual powers, and I had made up my mind I would be on the job and be wide awake, so that nothing would escape my attention.

Whether he got my thoughts or not, I do not know. Most likely he did, for within a matter of an hour, while on the journey home, we came upon a large pile of "brush-wood", small logs from the mountains that had been left there evidently by Arabs to use at another time.

As we approached this pile of logs, I noticed that the Prince was looking at it with what appeared to be something more than just a casual glance, as might have been the case, were he not intent on doing something special. I followed his every action. Finally he stepped to the side of the path. Without saying a word to anyone, or giving us any previous clue to his intentions, he suddenly raised his right hand, as though he were placing it over the top of this pile of "brush-

wood." No match was struck, no flint was used, and no word was apparently spoken, but in an instance this became a seething furnace. He stepped back into the path again, and nothing was said. We resumed our walking. There was no reference made to it in any way. His mannerisms would defy the greatest of thinkers, for the way in which he did this was bewildering. No boasting, no previous statement, just the act itself was evidently what he wanted to stamp in one's mind, and leave one to think what he wished. Does not this remind you of what John the Revelator wrote concerning the "One" who would come in the "Time of the End", and would be able to do "Great Wonders", even to call down the "Fire from Heaven?"

RAISING THE DEAD

For the lack of space I will not give a detailed account of each day's happenings while I was his guest, for it would require many volumes to record them.

We know our Saviour had the power to raise the dead, and did so during his ministry. Yet He was not the only one in the history of the world who had this power and utilized it. Elisha of old raised the Son of the Shunammite woman.

There has always been a great deal of controversy about who has the power to raise the dead, and what the state of the dead must be, in order to be raised. Surely this could never be considered a Doctrinal issue as far as the denominational churches are concerned, for there is so little information to be had on the subject. We do know that down through the passing centuries, there have been proven instances where people have been raised from the dead. Even in this day and age, there are records from various places in the world, where the dead have been raised. In most cases it has been the result of much prayer and deep meditation. But in other cases, for example, in India, Tibet, Egypt and Afghanistan, the dead have been raised by and through long periods of "Incantations." It would be difficult to say how it was done, other than it was an accomplished fact.

Before I had gone to see the Prince, I had heard a great deal about his powers, especially that he raised the dead at will. I will admit I was somewhat skeptical about this. But on one occasion while visiting the Prince, I saw him perform the seemingly impossible. It must be remembered, that in the days of Jesus Christ, the Miracle of raising the dead was the positive authority of His Divinity and His power. According

to the Biblical account of the raising of Lazarus,* it had been definitely proven that he had been dead for four days. Decomposition had already set in before Jesus even reached the tomb. But when Jesus stepped to the front of the tomb where Lazarus had been buried, he merely said, "Lazarus, come forth", and according to the record as set forth in the Gospel of Saint John, "Lazarus came forth."*

In the case of the experience with the Prince, the man in question had been dead for four days. He had been declared dead by medical doctors. Like Lazarus, decomposition had already set in. I saw the man myself and his body was turning black, or the color of death. Not only that, but the odor was enough to convince anyone that he was surely dead. The Prince, carrying out the same principles Jesus did, stood beside the corpse and said, "Musa, come forth." To my utter amazement the man did so. But here is a question that will be debatable at once. I will leave the debate to others, and they can figure out what happened in this case.

The man immediately showed signs of life. Within a minute or two, he was standing on his feet. The color of death had left the body and the man seemed normal in every way. But here is a most singular thing. As soon as the man was restored to life, he gave every evidence of confusion. He wept and implored in his own words to be permitted to remain on the earth again. His face began to show signs of mental anguish, and he kept repeating: "I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK, OH, DON'T SEND ME BACK TO THAT PLACE AGAIN!" (Interpreted from the Arabic.)

Whatever may be your conclusions in the matter, one thing seems very evident. That is, he could not have been in a "State of Bliss", or he would never have acted this way. His actions will most likely be interpreted in many ways, by many people, but as far as I am concerned, I prefer to remain silent, and let you draw your own conclusions.

Some may argue the point that only the Christ has the power to raise the dead, and if this Prince is the "Man of Sin" then where does he get his power to do this? Would not the actions of the man the Prince raised indicate plainly to whom he belonged?

POWER OVER THE ELEMENTS

On another occasion where I saw the Prince's strange powers demonstrated was while we were out walking in the mountains,

^{*} John 11:38-44

visiting with each other. The Prince was most interesting when he chose to be. On this particular occasion our attention had been so directed toward him that we failed to see the ominous clouds in the heavens which were indicative of an approaching storm. We were quite some distance from the Prince's home, and there was danger of our getting wet. In the meantime, the brilliant lightning streaked across the sky, and the old earth shook with the reverberations of the thunder. Storms in those extremely arid countries become violent when they have reached a certain peak, and it is dangerous to be out in them.

But the Prince plainly showed that day what he could do. Even the elements obey his will, just as he had previously said to me, "I control every situation, for I am He."

Without any previous statement as to what he intended to do, and while we continued to walk toward the Palace, he suddenly stopped and merely pointed his right hand heavenward. In an instant, there was a calm, and the sun shone in a cloudless sky again. If one were looking for phenomenal things, surely here was a very good demonstration. This example of his power was so striking and definite that it brought to my memory his statements made to me some days before, when he said, "I control every situation."* If he could manifest the "Fire from Heaven"* he surely could dissolve the storm clouds. And it proves that here is a man with unparalleled power, and one with an "Unparalleled Destiny" also.

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENON

By far the most astonishing and conclusive proof of his power were the prophetical statements he made in regard to world conditions and the shape of things to come. Although thirteen years have elapsed since Prince Abdul Baraba Baha made these predictions, it is intriguing to check them off and find that in every instance he proved to be correct. He was right, even to the phenomenal conjunction of the five planets, Mars, Saturn, Venus, Jupiter and Mercury, which were in perfect conjunction with each other in the constellations of Pisces and Aries, and which occurred in December of 1939 (See Life Magazine February 26, 1940 issue). In checking with Astronomical Scientists on the recurrence of this same lineup of these five planets, it was found that it had taken place only once before in the history of man, and that was in 2349 B.C., approximately five years before the "Great Deluge" in the days of Noah.

^{*} Rev. 13:13-14

Comparing the dates of only a few signs in the heavens and on the earth, we must come to the conclusion that the destiny of the year of 1944 is more than just a coincidence.

1929—to—1944 THE SUPREME CRISIS OF THE AGES

On the final night of my visit with the Prince, he reminded me that the following morning, in our last conference together, he would have many things of great importance to bring to my attention. In view of this he said I should come prepared to do considerable writing, if I wished to keep a written record of these facts as they were presented to me.

The final morning had come, and only a few hours remained before I would be bidding my Host farewell, and be on my way back to Aleppo. In view of the importance of our final conference, we did not tarry at breakfast. We adjourned immediately to the library to begin our talk.

There were many things I desired to ask him before I left. The most important of all was to hear what he had to say about the immediate future, especially concerning what he had previously referred to as "THE SUPREME CRISIS OF THE AGES." This, he had said, "Was to be a period of unparalleled trouble on the earth, and would begin in the latter part of 1929, and continue through to the latter part of 1944." In lieu of his previous statements on this subject, it was all the more evident, that this "Crisis" of which he spoke would have much to do with him personally. This was the part I was most anxious to get from him direct, while conditions were so favorable toward getting such information, for I realized that in all probability this would be my only opportunity. Most likely I would never visit him again.

His first statements to me were practically a reiteration of the things we had previously discussed on other occasions. He did make it very clear that he was to play the "Final Role" in the coming Crisis, a destiny which he described as being unparalleled in the history of the world, and which no other could fill, but he, himself.

The Genealogy of the Anti-Christ

Bloodline	Date	Bloodline	Date
Abraham	B.C. 2000	Butur	1430
Ishmael		Arac	
Nebajoth		Shada	
Kedar		Onar	
Adbeel	Sons of	Mehar	
Mibsam		Adad-Niari	.1305
Mishma	Ishmael	Shalmaneser	
Dumah /		Tukulti-Ninurta	.1256
Massa	1853	Ashur-Nadin-Apli	
Hadad		Enlil-Kudur-Usur	
Tema		Ninurta-Apal-Ekur I	
Esa	u	Ashur-Dau I	
Twin Brothe	r of Jacob	Ninurta-Tukulti-Ashur	1175
marr	ied	Muktakkil-Nusku	.1140
Basher	nath	Ashur-Resh-Ishi	.1137
Daughter of	f Ishmael	Tiglath-Pileser I	.1127
one S	Son	Asshur-Bil-Kala	
Reuel	1796	Shamas-Vul I	.1102
Nahath Zerah Shammah Mizzah	Congof	Asshur-Mazur	1080
Zerah	Sons of	Asshur-Dayou	
Shammah	Reuel	Asshur-Kis	.1025
Mizzah	1780	Rezon	.1005
Jobab	1760	Tab-Rimmon	
Husham		Ben-Hadad I	
Bedad		Ben-Hadad II	
Hadad		Adad-Niari II	
Samlah		Tukulti-Ninurta II	
Shaul of Rehob		Asshur-Nasir-Pal II	
Baal-Hanan		Shalmaneser III	
Amnar		Shamsi-Adad V	
Mibsah		Adad-Niari III	
Nadar		Shalmaneser IV	782
Abdou		Asshur-Dan III	
Nur-Pul		Tiglath-Pileser III	
Jaroh		Asshur-Niari V	
Shallum		Sargou II	
Hader		Sennacherib	
Nahar	1465	Esarhaddon	681

NOTE:—
All names in dark face type throughout this chart may easily be recognized as outstanding in History.

Bloodline	Date
Ashurbanipal	660
Ashur-Etil-Ilani	640
Sin-Shum-Lishir	
Sin-Shar-Ishkun	621
Nabopolassar	
Nebuchadnezzar	605
Amel-Marduk	
Nergal-Shar-Usur	560
Labashi-Marduk	.556
Nabu-Naid	
Belshazzar	
Darius I	538
Cyrus	536
Zerubbabel	535
Cambyses	529
Darius II	522
Darius II	486
Artaxerxes I	465
Xerxes II	425
Darius III	424
Artaxerxes IIArtaxerxes III	404
Artaxerxes III	359
Arses Darius IV	338
Darius IV	336
Alexander (The Great)	331
Seleucus-Nicator	312
Antiochus I	261
Antiochus II	246
Seleucus II	226
Seleucus III	223
Antiochus III	187
Seleucus IV	176
Seleucus IV Antiochus IV (Epiphane Antiochus V Alexander-Balas	S)164
Antiochus V	101
Alexander-Balas	146
Demetrius II Antiochus VI (a child)	140
Antiochus VII (a chiid)	127
Domotring II	190
Demetrius II	125
Seleucus (Epiphanes)	96
Tigranes (the Armenian) 82
Sanatraeces	76
Phraater III	
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Bloodline	Date
Mithridates	60
Orodes I	55
Pacorus	38
Phraater IV	B.C. 2
PhraatacerA	.D. 19
Orodes II	
Vonones I	31
Artabanus III	
Gotarzes I	
Vardanes	
Gotarzes II	51
Vonones II	51
Volgases I	
Pacorus	
Chosroes I	128
Volgases II	133
Volgases II Volgases IV Volgases IV	148
Volgases IV	190
Volgases V Ardashir I	216
Ardashir I	241
Shapur I	
Hormizd I	
Bahram I	276
Bahram II	293
Bahram III	
Namses	302
Hormizd II	
Shapur II	379
Ardashir II	383
Shapur III	388
Bahram IV	399
Yazdegerd IBahram V	420
Bahram V	438
Yazdegerd II	457
Hormizd III	
Peroz	484
Balash	
Dyamasp	498
Kavadh I	531
Haschem (Father of	F00
Mohammed)	539
Anushirvan	579
Hormizd IV	590
Chosroes II	628

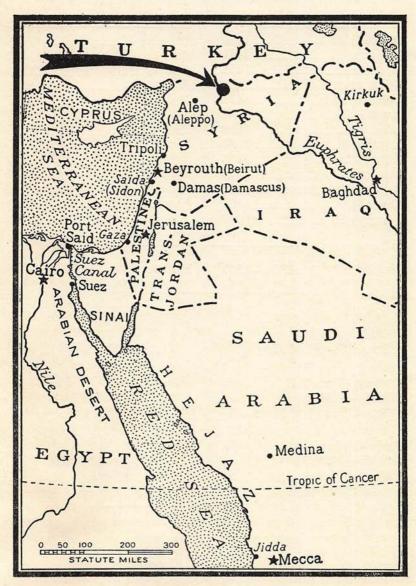
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Othman65	5
Ali 66	0
Moawiyah I68	0
Yezid I68	3
Moawiyah II68	3
Merwan I 68	4
Abdel-Malek70	5
Walid71	5
Solyman71	7
Omar II72	0
Yezid II72	4
Hashem74	
Walid II74	4
Yezid III74	4
Ibrahim74	4
Ibrahim	0
Abdul-Abbas75	14
Abu-Giaffer77	5
Mahdi	35
Haroun-Al-Rashid80	7
Amin81	3
Almamoun83	33
Motassem84	
Wathek84	6
Motawakel86	1
Mostanser86	32
Mostain86	55
Motaz86	9
Motadi86	39
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Moctader98	32
Kaher 98	33
Khadi98	
Motaki94	13
Motakfi94	14
Moti97	73

Bloodline	Date
Lai	991
Kader	1031
Kaim	
Moktadi	1094
Mortader	1118
Mostarshed	1135
Rashid	1160
RashidMostanyed	1170
Mostadhi	1180
Naser	1225
Zaher	1225
Genghis-Khan	1227
Octay-Khan	1241
Nostanser	1243
Gaiouk	1249
Mostasem	1258
Mangou-Khan	1259
Houlagou-Khan	1265
Mohammed I	1272
Ahmed-Khan	1284
Argoun-KhanKangiabou-Khan	1290
Kangiabou-Khan	1294
Baidou-Khan	1295
Mohammed II	1302
Casan-Khan Mohammed III	1304
Mohammed III	1309
Nasr	1314
Obdgiaptou	1317
Ismail I	1325
Othman I	1326
Abousaid Yusuf I	1054
Orchan	
Tamesi II	1960
Mohammad V	1269
Ismail II	1990
Mohammed VI	1202
Yusuf II	1395
Bayaset I	1403
Solyman	1410
Musa	1413
Mahomet I	1421
Mohammed VIII	1445
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Bloodline I	ate Bloodline	Date
Amurath II1	Othman I	1618
Mahomet II1	181 Othman II	1622
Ali1	482 Amurath IV	1640
Mohammed XII1		1649
Mohammed XIII1	191 Mohammed I	V1687
Alvand1	501 Solyman II	1691
Selim I1		1695
Solyman I1	520 Mustapha II	1703
Selim II1	666 Achmed III	1730
Amurath III1		1754
Mahomet III1		1757
Ahmed I1	Mustapha III	1774
Mustapha I1	617 Abdul-Hamid	I1789
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1860 — 1931 Grand Sherif of Mecca	Sultan of T Father of—	
Emir - Feisal - Ali 1885 — 1933 King of Iraq (Mesopotamia)		
ABDUL	BARABA BAHA	
Born	1894 in Mecca	

Prince Abdul Baraba Baha is now living in Syria (Assyria), 125 miles northeast of Aleppo, East of the Euphrates River, near Turkey (see map).

Please Note: The first part of this comprehensive Genealogy can be traced in the Bible and the remaining part may be traced in the Genealogical Records of any large library, or the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.



MAP OF THE NEAR-EAST

The birth-place and battle ground of Civilizations since the Dawn of History.

The arrow in the upper left corner of the map points to the present residence of Prince Abdul Baraba Baha. The Isle of Cyprus in the Mediterranean, which resembles a hand with an index finger, is also pointing to the Prince's dwelling place. The Prince was born in the city of Mecca — see lower part of map.

CHAPTER FIVE

Prophecies to be Fulfilled

In releasing the following statements as made by Prince Abdul Baraba Baha, it must be understood that they are published for reference only and are therefore not necessarily conclusive as far as the writer is concerned.

1942----

India would be invaded by Japan, aided by native uprisings and a revolt that would sweep the entire country, due to the many political and religious factions that are inherently and irreconcilably against each other.

The world's greatest naval battle would occur in the South Pacific with losses so heavy as to cause great anxiety among the nations taking part.

The "Will of Peter the Great," a strange and unusual Document left by the former Emperor, and called "The Secret Plan of European Diplomacy", which plans for extensive conquests, will be carried out in its first phase this year.

The first phase of this "Secret Document of Peter the Great", is to obtain through conquest a "warm water port", something that has been needed and wanted for centuries.

The Prince made it very clear that the Military might of this Northern country would sweep Southward into Eastern Germany. Then in a most strange manner it would suddenly turn in a Southeasterly direction to Turkey. In the meantime, through "secret diplomacy" Germany and Turkey would combine, joining forces with the "Northern Country" on a grand sweep to the oil fields of Mesopotamia (Iraq) and Persia (Iran) and then on to the Suez.

"If this occurs, it will surely surprise the world."

Australian cities would be bombed by the Japanese with considerable property damage and some loss of life.

Germany would suffer appalling losses from severe bombings, with large areas of her great industrial cities in smolder-

ing ruins. People become terror-stricken from the terrific bombing.

London and other English cities would be severely bombed by Germany with considerable loss of life and property damage. The savagery of the bombing will be the worst of the war.

German and Italian forces would have some success on the North African front, but would meet with severe losses due to a revolt of the natives who would attack most savagely. Though in the meantime the cities of Northern Africa would be in utter ruins, due to the deadly effect of the countless bombings. German and Italian lossess would be staggering.

Japanese cities would be bombed, and this time with such force and violence as to bring colossal destruction everywhere, and a loss of life so great, as to cause the Japanese people to run in terror.

1943-

The United States would not be invaded, but would suffer considerably from internal disturbances, due to saboteurs and alien enemies.

Cairo and Alexandria would be severely bombed with great loss of life and extensive property damage.

A strange and deadly plague would break out in Central Europe and would spread to all parts of the continent and bring an appalling death toll. The same plague would then spread to every part of the world, and would be the most destructive one to ever visit the earth.

Revolt would break out in France and spread to Belgium and Holland, and finally to Germany and Italy, until all of Ceneral Europe is in a state of siege to overthrow the Dictators. Scenes equalling the dark ages would return.

A great revolt of tremendous proportions would sweep through all the Orient, in defiance of the Japanese and their Rule of Terror. The people would rise to shake off the deadly yoke, and all Japan would become a seething cauldron of revolution, against the Imperialism of the Japanese Rulers.

1944---

With Europe in revolt and the Orient in revolt, and disorder everywhere, the War would begin to show signs of waning as the nations' fighting spirit would be spent.

The "United Nations" would make every effort to bring "Peace out of Chaos", but the difficulties would be so insurmountable as to make it the most unparalleled task in all of human history.

1945----

For reasons only known to the Prince himself, there was no reference made to the year of 1945, or anything beyond the close of the year of 1944.

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THE GREATEST MYSTERY OF THE AGES

It is obvious to anyone who reads the Bible, that certain numbers have played a most prominent part since the beginning of time as recorded by the Great Book itself. For example, it appears that certain numbers are of more frequent occurrence than others, such as the three, five, six, seven and the nine. This in itself might have little or no significance, were it not for the fact that we find such numbers occurring pointedly in cases of Divine Command. In one instance the Israelites were commanded to encompass Jericho for seven days and on the seventh day, seven times, before the Walls of Jericho fell.*

In many other places in the Bible, we find where numbers are prominently given, in each case it is for very specific reasons. In John 21:11 we have the exact number of fish that were caught in the net, the number being 153, which in itself is NINE (1+5+3=9) and represents the symbol of completeness. In Daniel 12:11-12 for example, we have the mystery of certain periods of days, such as 1290 and 1335. In each case, it represents the symbol of the three, indicative of the Trinity. And again in Daniel 12:7 we find the number 1260, which also means a period of days. Here again is the symbol of nine, meaning completeness.

THE NUMBER OF A MAN

In Rev. 13:18 we are told that the number 666 is the number of "A MAN." We now want to know in what respect can this number 666 represent man.

In the ancient Hebrew, Greek and Latin, the letters of the

^{*} Joshua 6:15-16

Alphabet were numerals as well as letters. This would indicate that numbers were denoted by letters. In that day, any man could regard the letters of his name as numerals. He would determine the exact number of his name by adding all the numerals that corresponded to each letter. In this way, he would be able to determine his "Name Number."

In the Latin, for example, only six letters were used or regarded as numerals, and they were "D. C. L. X. V. I." In later years the letter "M" was used. It symbolized 1,000, and is used in like manner today. It will be noticed that these six Latin letters, with their corresponding numerals, total 666.

Anyone living in the days of the Apostles would at once recognize the number of the "Beast" to be that of the Latin language; and living amid terrible persecution by the Roman Government, would have identified the man bearing this number as the Nero of that time.

In more recent times there have been many who have tried to use this old Latin system in their effort to locate this coming "Man of Sin" (also called the "Beast") whose number is recorded as 666 in Rev. 13:18. Some Bible Expositors have stressed the idea that the Roman Catholic Pope is the "Anti-Christ" because he wears the "Triple Crown" which bears the Latin words, "Vicarius Filii Dei", which in Roman numerals totals 666. Any Catholic will verify my statements concerning these Latin words on the Pope's Triple Crown. But that does not in any way prove he is the "Anti-Christ", for the fact is, he above all men living on the earth believes in and accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of mankind. We may not all see alike; and the world is not all Catholic, as far as belief is concerned. But no one could ever say and be truthful about it, that the Pope is not a firm believer in Christ Jesus, irrespective of the Latin words on his Triple Crown.

The fact is, the coming "Man of Sin" will be absolutely "Anti-Christ" in every way and will not tolerate the name being spoken, for he will declare himself as God. This will disprove any claim by others who try to make it appear that the Pope is the "Man of 666."

"Here is wisdom, let him that hath understanding count the number of a Man: and his number is six hundred, three score and six."—Rev. 13:18.

THE COMMAND TO COUNT

It is to be noted, that there is here a definite command given to count, or to look for this number; and that those who do so are wise, for here is wisdom. If such were the case, we would all be busy with pen and pencil, writing down the names of those we thought might be eligible for such a "Position of World Authority" and then determine the result by computing their value by Roman Numerals, to see if it came to the number of this Man of 666. It would be within the bounds of reason to suppose if this were the case, there might be many men in the world whose names would total 666 by such a method. But this would not designate them as the "Anti-Christ", as can be plainly seen.

The one great question concerning the "Anti-Christ" and his number 666 seems to revolve about the word "count", as though it could be ascertained that way. The truth of the matter is, it is not to be determined that way, for the number 666 is a symbol of "TRIUNE POWER" and not merely a number as many suppose it to be. Certain qualities and characteristics follow each symbol of the six, and when we know the extent of his power and reign, this is easily determined.

We must understand thoroughly before going further, that it speaks of "A MAN", and this man is to be the coming "Man of Sin" whose rule over the earth in the "Time of the End" will bear three outstanding earmarks, which will identify him at once as this man. Those qualities or symbols of his number are as follows:

TEMPORAL—ECCLESIASTICAL—ECONOMICAL

He will be the Master Organizer of all time. He will be able to accomplish what no other one has been able to do, and that is to control as though with a "rod of iron" the life of every individual on the earth, while he reigns in power. Many have attempted this down through the ages, but no one ever succeeded. The reason for this was, the "appointed time" had not come, and the one who would have the power to bring to to pass, would be a "Man of Unparalleled Destiny" like Judas of old.

First we must understand that this man will have "full Temporal power" over the entire earth. The word "temporal" means that which is of the earth. Anything that has to do with things earthly is under the dominant ruling power of the six, which symbolically means one short of Divine Perfection. Here we have the symbol of the first six.

Secondly we observe that his power is "Ecclesiastical" and world-wide. He will, by decree, unite all religions throughout the world into one common belief or creed. He will be the "SUPREME HEAD" and will issue a decree demanding that the entire world worship him as God Almighty. Here we have Man ruling with full Ecclesiastical power over the earth, which again is earthly and short of the Divine Seven, which is the Christ. Six has always stood for incompleteness and here we have the second six.

Thirdly we find that his power is "Economical" and therefore material and earthly. This again reflects the sinister power of the evil six, for anything that deals with the Material Man must of necessity represent the earthly element. And here we find this man in full control of all human affairs over the earth. This is the third symbol of the six, which means "Economical Power" over the earth in the hands of one man.

The combination of these three qualities of the SIX brings about the number of completeness as far as the POWER OF THE EARTHLY is concerned, as can be plainly seen. The power of the combined number of 666 is the symbol of the NINE (6+6+6=18. 1+8=9) which means the ultimate of man and his power. Beyond NINE would be the "CHANGELESS ONE" or God Almighty. One can easily discern that NINE is as far as the Material Man can ever go, and the combined power of this man of 666 will fulfill this in detail.

THE POWER OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

In conclusion it will be noticed that the NINE is complete as far as earthly power is concerned. But it must stop there, for beyond is the "Changeless Circle" which has neither beginning nor ending and the Adamic Man can never go beyond this.

Temporal	6	
Ecclesiatical	6	
Economical	6	
	18	(1+8)=9

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE OF GOLD

Another significant fact about the mystery of the number 666 is, John the Revelator speaks of this number as being the

number of a man, as we have previously pointed out. However, if we examine the record as set forth by Daniel, we find that Nebuchadnezzar's Image had very specific measurements which were THREE SCORE cubits in height, or 60 feet, and SIX cubits in width, or six feet. This brings to our attention the double six in these measurements. But we must also realize this image was made in the likeness of "Man" and it was decreed by Nebuchadnezzar that all should worship this image, or suffer the penalty of death.

This bears out the statements of the Anti-Christ and his decree to be worshipped as God, under penalty of death, as the Bible clearly points out. In connection with this worship, was the acceptance of the "Mark" which would give the individual the right to buy or sell. Without this "Mark" no one could transact business of any nature. Here is your full picture of one man controlling the economic destiny of the world — something never accomplished before in the history of man.

In Daniel 3:1-7 we find Nebuchadnezar issued the decree that this "Image of Gold" must be worshipped under penalty of death, and this became binding to all people of the kingdom. It will be noticed that at the unveiling of this "Image" Nebuchadnezzar called all the Princes and Rulers of Babylon together to attend this great event, which, in reality was the "First Economic Conference" in the history of the world. Here began the worship of gold as money, and from that day on, Man has developed the consciousness of the gold standard, which today is the standard of exchange the world over.

TEMPLE OF SOLOMON RESTORED

The most unusual, yet significant, prophetic development is the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon in all its splendor and glory, for the Jewish people, in view of the soon-coming of their long-hoped-for Messiah.

It has always been the hope and the supreme secret as well (although more generally known today) of one of the largest Fraternal Organizations in the world, to rebuild the Temple of Solomon. The complete plans for the Temple were drawn by the well known Jewish architect, G. C. Schick. A model was built according to scale and specifications of the original Temple in the days of Solomon. This was exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair of "A Century of Progress" in the years of 1933 and 1934.

All parts of the buildings are now completed, boxed and

waiting to be shipped to Jerusalem, when the proper time has come for it to be set up. In several cities of America and Europe these boxes are stored and carefully protected.

SECRET COVENANTS

In connection with the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon many world prominent Jewish people have already made a "Secret Covenant" with Prince Abdul Baraba Baha. They fully believe he is their Messiah, who will rule from the Temple during the first three and one-half years of his reign.

Being of Semetic blood, as a direct descendant of Abraham (see Genealogical chart) he is fully acceptable to Jewish Orthodox believers, and all those who teach the Doctrine of the unfulfilled Messianic hope. Besides having all the qualifications as far as his acceptance is concerned, he is the logical one, from the standpoint of the Biblical earmarks, which admirably fit him for such a position.

"I am come in my Father's name, and ye received me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." —John 5:43.

The Moslem world with its 230 million followers, which constitutes a large part of the world's population, is also looking for its "Mahdi" (or Deliverer) who must be a descendant of Mohammed the Prophet, the "Founder of Islam." Never in the turbulent history of the Near East has the Flame of Islam burned brighter than today, for the news has been traveling up and down the Coasts of Arabia these last few years, that the "EXPECTED ONE", their "MAHDI", is here. Asia and Africa are alive with rumors of the "Powerful Man from the East", because the whole of the Mohammedan world has accepted him as their living "ALLAH." This is none other than Prince Abdul Baraba Baha himself.

His agents are everywhere. The chief one is "The Grand Mufti" of Jerusalem, whose movements are closely watched by the "United Nations" and especially so by Great Britain.

The ramification and the intrigue of these agents with the Dictators is only indicative that dark and sinister forces are preparing the way for the "Man of Sin", and the "Anti-Christ" to come forth, but only after the "Rapture of the True Believers in the Christ" has taken place. And then the world at large will hear the announcement that a "GREAT PROPHECY" has been fulfilled, which will establish once and

for all, the true value of the Bible in the lives of men and women on the earth, regardless of their belief or disbelief.

THE CULMINATING PROMISE

Although the Bible as a whole contains more than 10,000 specific Promises that anyone can appropriate and prove in their daily life, the Culminating Promise, as far as it concerns the "True Believer" is the "Rapture."* The many and diversified interpretations, as to time and circumstance are not so academic, that the right answer cannot be found.

First, we find that no one need be excluded from participation in this "Supreme Event," providing that he has accepted without reservation, Christ Jesus as his Saviour, and the Redemptive power of the "Atoning Blood" which is the very essence of Life Eternal.

Second, the time element which can easily be ascertained by the statements of the Master in Matthew 24:8, concerning that period known as "The Beginning of Sorrows" of which we are now passing through. This period began in January 1940, and this time was the absolute culmination of that era known as the "Times of the Gentiles,"** according to the Gregorian Calendar which began in 580 B.C., and was to run a course of 2520 years. In the computation of the time element and its application to the Law of Biblical Chronology, we must remember that there is a variance between Lunar and Solar time, which was adjusted by the Gregorian Calendar in A.D. 1582.

There has been considerable controversy as to when the "Times of the Gentiles" ended, for many of the more recent Chronologists believe that this period closed when the late General Allenby entered Jerusalem in December of 1917, which in turn would make the "Times of the Gentiles" begin in 603 B.C., showing a discrepancy of three years even then. However, the real key is to be found in the prophecy of the "Budding of the Fig Tree", which in itself is a definite sign of the Jewish people beginning their trek back to their Native Palestine. It must be considered that Jerusalem and the Holy Land has not as yet been given over exclusively to the Jews, as the Arabs still have and will retain a controlling influence, 'til their accepted Messiah, Prince Abdul Baraba Baha comes forth in complete control, and who will rule from the rebuilt "Temple of Solomon" (see illustrations) in the splendor and glory they failed to see in Christ Jesus.

^{*1} Thess. 4:16-17

Third, the length of the period of the "Beginning of Sorrows," which would indicate the time of the "Rapture" and the coming forth of the "Man of Sin," no man knows. For who is there that can say it will happen in the evening, when it's the following noon on the other side of the world. The final statement of the Master on this subject is:

"Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the Master of the House cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning; Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch."

-Mark 13:35-37.

A WORD IN CONCLUSION

To my friends and readers everywhere!

These are very serious times, our Nation, and the other United Nations are in grave peril, and their liberty is being challenged by the most ruthless foe of the ages. Our Leaders are shouldering burdens that man has never been asked to assume before. Our President is a praying man and so are many of the other great leaders, who like Washington of old, believe that God is the answer to this problem. Let us, therefore, pray for our leaders and the men bearing arms that the Supreme Day of Victory will not be long postponed.





